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A COLLECTION OF MENDON TOWN REPORTS
1857-1967
(FOURTEEN BOUND VOLUMES)

ANNUAL REPORTS

of the

TOWN OFFICERS

of the

TOWN OF MENDON

including the report of the

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

for the

MUNICIPAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953

287th ANNUAL REPORT

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TOWN OF MENDON

Town of Mendon Incorporated May 15, 1667.

Population 1619, 1950 Census.

Registered Voters in 1953, 1044

Annual Election: First Monday in March.

Annual Meeting:

First Friday Evening after the first Monday in March.

County Commissioners:

Francis E. Cassidy, Chairman	Webster
Edward P. Bird	Fitchburg
Joseph A. Aspero	Worcester

Fourteenth Congressional District:

Congressman, Joseph William Martin, Jr.

North Attleboro

Fourth Senatorial District:

Senator, Alfred B. Cenedella Jr. Milford

Eighth Worcester Representative District:

Representatives General Court:

Charles Mullaly, Jr.	Millville
Charles E. Luke Driscoll	Northbridge

Sheriff for Worcester County:

William A. Bennett Worcester

TOWN OFFICERS

SELECTMEN

(Selectmen serve as Board of Public Welfare,

Board of Health and Fence Viewers)

Ernest P. Wood Harold Metcalf John L. Lundvall

TOWN CLERK

Albert S. Coleman

TOWN TREASURER

Charles F. Leonard

TAX COLLECTOR

Arthur P. Dalton

ASSESSORS

Donald B. Lowell D. Kinsley Barnes

Carl M. Taft

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Herbert Bowen Gordon R. Good Harry C. York

TRUSTEES OF TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Ernest P. Wood Percy Rowe Vestella Daniels

Herbert F. Bowen Henry P. Clough, Secretary

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Asa Vear

Joseph W. McEwen

Fred L. Kempton

Albert S. Coleman, Clerk

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Franklin E. Goodnow

Roy A. Barrows

Lee P. McFarland

PARK COMMISSIONERS

Norry J. Daige

George A. Johnson

Fred Phipps

Chief of Police Harold C. Barrows

Constable Harold C. Barrows

Tree Warden & Moth Supt. William E. Nuttall

Town Solicitor Shelley D. Vincent

Dog Officer Raymond A. Miller

Wiring Inspector Walter J. Channing

Sealer of Weights and Measures Raymond A. Miller

Superintendent of Schools Percy Rowe

Fire Chief and Forest Warden Harold F. Lowell

Superintendent of Streets William R. Bowen

Burial Agent Norry J. Daige

Custodian Soldiers' & Sailors' Graves	Richard F. Harding
Inspector of Slaughtering	William Seibert
Inspector of Animals	Roy Barrows
Town Accountant	Helen F. Irons

WATER COMMISSIONERS

Franklin Goodnow	Everett Watson	Donato Leone
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SURVEYOR OF WOOD AND BARK

Arthur V. Pond

FIELD DRIVERS

Alex Woleck	Edward Goss	W. Arthur Robinson
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VETERANS' AGENT

Ernest J. A. Bouchard

RENT CONTROL BOARD

Chester F. Fitzgerald, Chairman

Everett F. Goodnow	Frank E. Dudley
Robert P. Condon	Ettore J. Magliocca

FINANCIAL REPORTS

MODERATOR—SALARY

Appropriation	\$25 00
Expended:	
Roy A. Barrows	\$25 00

SELECTMEN—SALARIES

Appropriation	\$700 00
Expended:	
Ernest P. Wood	\$283 33
Harold Metcalf	200 00
John L. Lundvall	216 67
Total expended	\$700 00

SELECTMEN—EXPENSES

Appropriation	\$150 00
Transferred from Reserve Fund	50 00
Total	\$200 00
Expended:	
Postage	\$18 00
Lock Box	3 70
Cahill's News Agency	3 15
Advertising	51 87
Delivering Town Reports	20 00
Dues to State Asso.	15 00
Dues to County Asso.	6 00
Expenses to County	
Meeting	8 00

Hobbs & Warren, Inc.	1 37	
Forbes Press, printing	6 80	
Mass. Laws	3 00	
Carlton Goss, deposit		
on land	50 00	
Total expended	—————	\$186 89
Unexpended		13 11
	—————	\$200 00

TREASURER—SALARY

Appropriation	\$700 00
Expended:	
Charles F. Leonard	\$700 00

TREASURER—EXPENSE

Appropriation		\$200 00
Expended :		
Postage and stationery	\$75 40	
Hobbs & Warren, forms	6 94	
State Dues	2 00	
Check books	26 35	
Expenses to State		
Meeting	15 15	
Forbes Press, printing	10 00	
Preparing Schedule A	15 00	
Cahill's News Agy.,		
supplies	26 15	
Use of car	10 00	
Total expended	—————	\$186 99
Unexpended		13 01
		—————
		\$200 00

TAX TITLE FORECLOSURE

Appropriation		\$50 00
Expended:		
Postage	\$7 00	
Advertising	5 20	
Worcester Co. Abstract		
Co., description	6 00	
Recording Tax Titles	11 50	
Total expended	29 70	
Unexpended	20 30	
		\$50 00

TOWN ACCOUNTANT—SALARY

Appropriation	\$400 00
Expended:	
Helen F. Irons	\$400 00

TOWN ACCOUNT—EXPENSE

Appropriation	\$75 00
Expended:	
Forbes Press, printing	\$4 00
Mass. Division of	
Accounts	32 35
Total expended	36 35
Unexpended	38 65
	\$75 00

TOWN CLERK—SALARY

Appropriation	\$250 00
Expended:	
Albert S. Coleman	\$250 00

TOWN CLERK—EXPENSE

Appropriation		\$500 00
Expended:		
Printing and postage	\$100 55	
Recording Fees	80 00	
Desk	80 00	
Dues & expenses, Town		
Clerks' Meetings	93 65	
Palley Office Supply,		
equipment	33 97	
Karl Bright, burglary		
insurance	10 00	
Miscellaneous expenses	33 41	
Total expended	<hr/>	\$431 58
Unexpended		68 42
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		\$500 00

TAX COLLECTOR—SALARY

Appropriation	\$925 00
Expended:	
Arthur P. Dalton, Collector	\$925 00

TAX COLLECTOR—EXPENSE

Appropriation	\$225 00
Transferred from Reserve Fund	1 41
Total	<hr/>
	\$226 41
Expended:	
Barre Gazette, supplies	\$60 79
Use of car	10 00
Forbes Press	43 00
Postage	82 00
Deputy Collector's Bond	5 00
State Asso. Dues	2 00

Advertising	3 90	
Hobbs & Warren, supplies	19 72	
Total expended		\$226 41

ASSESSORS—SALARIES

Appropriation		\$700 00
Expended:		
Donald B. Lowell	\$200 00	
D. Kinsley Barnes	200 00	
Carl M. Taft, Clerk	300 00	
Total expended		\$700 00

ASSESSORS—EXPENSES

Appropriation		\$300 00
Expended:		
Tax Tables	\$1 00	
Postage	10 00	
Deed Abstracts	194 36	
Hobbs & Warren	60 12	
State & County Asso. dues	9 00	
D. B. Lowell, use of car	20 00	
Expenses to State Meeting	5 00	
Total expended		\$299 48
Unexpended		52
		\$300 00

ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS

Appropriation	\$600 00
Expended:	
Election payrolls	\$62 50
Street listing	162 50

Hobbs & Warren Inc.	59 82	
Advertising	48 63	
Registrars' Salaries	140 00	
Voting booths	60 80	
Total expended	—————	\$534 25
Unexpended		65 75
	—————	\$600 00

TOWN COUNSEL—SALARY

Appropriation		\$100 00
Expended:		
Shelley D. Vincent		\$100 00

TOWN COUNSEL—EXPENSE

Appropriation		\$75 00
Expended:		
Shelley D. Vincent		\$75 00

CLERICAL HIRE FOR TOWN OFFICERS

Appropriation		\$300 00
Expended:		
Helen F. Irons	\$299 70	
Unexpended	30	
	—————	\$300 00

TOWN OFFICERS' BONDS

Appropriation		\$265 00
Expended:		
Karl A. Bright	\$244 00	
Unexpended	21 00	
	—————	\$265 00

TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		\$900 00
Expended:		
E. C. Chagnon & Son,		
repairs	\$16 00	
Clock	17 65	
E. T. Powers, repairs	184 77	
Raymond Dudley, janitor	480 00	
Janitor's supplies	55 48	
Lester Hill, repairs	7 00	
Bottled gas	32 80	
Total expended	—————	\$793 70
Unexpended		106 30
		—————
		\$900 00

RECORD ROOM MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		\$350 00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		16 20
Total	—————	\$366 20
Expended:		
Carrie Marlow, janitor ..	\$50 00	
Clark-Shaughnessy, fuel ..	129 18	
Worcester County		
Elec. Co.	13 48	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	141 59	
Shoveling path	1 00	
Cleaning typewriter	12 10	
Cleaning oil burner	7 00	
Repairs	2 50	
Cahill's News Agy.,		
supplies	9 35	
Total expended	—————	\$366 20

TOWN HALL—ROOFING AND REPAIRS

Appropriation		\$650 00
Expended:		
C. L. Goss, labor and Material	\$642 90	
Unexpended	7 10	
	<hr/>	\$650 00

TOWN HALL WELL

Appropriation	\$2,000 00	
Transferred from Surplus Revenue	2,934 11	
Total	<hr/>	\$4,934 11
Expended:		
E. T. Powers	\$368 87	
Guido Sabatinelli & Sons	4,498 92	
Milford Water Co.	10 00	
Total expended	<hr/>	\$4,877 79
Unexpended	56 32	
		\$4,934 11

HEAT AND LIGHTS

TOWN HALL, FIRE STATION AND HIGHWAY BARN

Appropriation		\$3,000 00
Expended:		
E. T. Powers, repairs	\$492 10	
A. LaBastie, repairs	1 75	
Worc. Co. Elec. Co.	209 40	
H. J. Shaughnessy, fuel	1,938 10	
Boiler inspection	10 00	
Light bulbs	1 47	
Total expended	<hr/>	\$2,652 82
Unexpended	347 18	
	<hr/>	\$3,000 00

CONSTABLE—SALARY

Appropriation	\$25 00
Expended:	
Harold C. Barrows	\$25 00

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$3,000 00
Transferred from Reserve Fund	27.38
Total	\$3,027 38
Expended:	
Office supplies	\$23 48
Officers' payrolls	2,355 43
Mileage	353 95
Telephone	191 09
Accident photos	24 28
Printing and postage	47 75
Reflectors	9 80
Milford Daily News	21 60
Total expended	\$3,027 38

POLICE ROOM CONSTRUCTION

Appropriation	\$200 00
Expended:	
P-O's Furniture	31 14
Camosse Bros.	21 60
Lester Hill	4 00
Bradbury-Lock Co.	22 84
Total expended	\$79 58
Balance on hand December 31, 1953	120 42
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	\$200 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$2,000 00
Transferred from Reserve Fund	56 15
Total	\$2,056 15

Expended:

Pay rolls	\$561 38
Sudbury Laboratory	26 46
Insurance	178 50
Carrie Marlow, test blowing	50 00
Lakeside Garage, repairs	355 07
Worc. Co. Elec. Co.	40 00
Gasoline, oil etc.	78 39
C. L. Goss, repairs	66 33
E. C. Chagnon & Son	55 70
Farrar Co., supplies	382 45
Niro & Niro, repairs	24 83
Telephone	221 70
M. M. Goodnow, repairs ..	11 03
Miscellaneous supplies	4 31
Total expended	<hr/> \$2,056 15

FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$500 00
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Expended:

Harold F. Lowell, Warden	\$25 00
Pay rolls	467 00
Miscellaneous supplies ..	7 10
Total expended	\$499 10
Unexpended	90
	<hr/> \$500 00

FIRE HOSE

Appropriation	\$500 00
Expended:	
Farrar Co.	\$500 00

HYDRANT RENTAL

Appropriation	\$550 00
Expended:	
Town of Mendon, 11 hydrants	\$550 00

DOG OFFICER

Appropriation	\$100 00
Transferred from Reserve Fund	36 00
Total	<u>\$136 00</u>
Expended:	
Raymond A. Miller, boarding and disposing of 22 dogs	\$121 00
Salary and use of car	15 00
Total expended	<u>\$136 00</u>

CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Balance on hand January 1, 1953	\$63 95
Appropriation	250 00
Total	<u>\$313 95</u>
Expended:	
Asa Vear, transportation and expenses	\$20 60
Radio receiver	24 55
Police alarm	58 48
Arm bands	30 29
Total expended	<u>\$133 92</u>
Balance on hand December 31, 1953	180 03
	<u>\$313 95</u>

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Appropriation	\$50 00
Expended:	
Raymond A. Miller, salary and use of car	\$50 00

WIRING INSPECTOR

Appropriation	\$80 00
Transferred from Reserve Fund	10 00
Total	<hr/> \$90 00
Expended:	
Walter J. Channing, salary	\$80 00
Medway Press, supplies ..	10 00
Total expended	<hr/> \$90 00

BOARD OF HEALTH

Appropriation	\$1,700 00
Expended:	
Charlescraft Press, signs	\$3 00
District Nursing Assn.	75 00
Harold Metcalf, burying dogs	4 00
A. Woleck, rent of land for dump	150 00
Labor and maintenance of dump	696 65
Raymond Miller, burying animals	78 50
Dr. E. E. Allen, anti-rabic treatment	21 00

Anti-rabic vaccine	15 00	
Sargeant Ambulance service	20 00	
Milford Daily News	7 50	
Total expended	—————	\$1,070 65
Unexpended	629 35	
	—————	\$1,700 00

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Appropriation		\$150 00
Expended:		
Roy A. Barrows		\$150 00

INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

Appropriation		\$25 00
Expended:		
Willard Seibert		\$25 00

ELM BEETLE SUPPRESSION

Appropriation		\$500 00
Expended:		
P. A. Millis, spraying	\$477 00	
William Nuttall, salary & labor	23 00	
Total expended	—————	\$500 00

MOTH SUPPRESSION

Appropriation		\$200 00
Expended:		
William Nuttall, Salary ..	\$12 00	
P. A. Millis, spraying	188 00	
Total expended	—————	\$200 00

TREE WARDEN

Appropriation	\$750 00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	202 25	
Total		\$952 25

Expended:

William Nuttall, Salary .. \$12 00

Labor:

William Nuttall	294 75
George Blanchard	259 00
Theodore Brothers	64 00
Harold Metcalf	106 25
Willard Mathewson	38 75
William Bowen	2 30
R. Bennett	2 30
E. Boover	2 30
Geo. York	2 30
Geo. York, Jr.	2 30
Clifford Mathewson ..	6 00
C. L. Goss, power saw ..	15 00
Earl Arnold, power saw	135 00
C. F. Leonard	10 00

Total expended		\$952 25
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STREET LIGHTING

Appropriation	\$744 00
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Expended:

Worcester Co. Elec. Co. \$643 95

Unexpended	100 05
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	\$744 00
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NEW TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT

Appropriation	\$4,000 00
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Expended:

Whitinsville Trac. Co. \$3,873 00

Unexpended	127 00
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	\$4,000 00
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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

General Repairs

Appropriation	\$2,000 00
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Expended:

Labor	\$1,326 58
Town Equipment	24 00
Hired Equipment	99 00
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	147 39
Rosenfeld Sand & Stone	
Stone Co., patch	9 90
Henry J. Poirier, gravel	29 50
Seaver's Express	3 06
Leonard Jaques & Son,	
supplies	49 51
C. C. Shattuck, supplies	27 81
Geo. H. Clark Co., road	
paint	79 50
Dues, State & County	
Supt. Assoc.	5 00
Sandberg Equip. Co.,	
supplies	58 19
Emmott Valley Trans	
Co.	3 40
Clark-Shaughnessy Co.,	
Oil	16 95
D. B. and H. F. Lowell,	
land damage	1 00
S. H. Wosserman, signs	10 00
Mendon Auto Salvage ..	60
Transportation	15 00
Waldo Thayer, sharpen-	
ing saws	1 50
Norman Rogers, gravel ..	4 00
Rose Machine Shop	3 00
N. E. Metal Culvert Co.,	
pipe	13 05

Lester Hill, supplies	17 00	
Corbett Concrete Pipe Co.	52 86	
Total expended	—————	\$1,997 80
Unexpended		2 20
	—————	\$2,000 00

SNOW REMOVAL

Appropriation		\$6,000 00
Expended:		
Labor	\$1,453 91	
Town Equipment	922 50	
Hired Equipment	1,067 00	
Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co., sand	285 34	
Dyar Sales Co., plow blades	87 50	
E. F. Edson Co., blades & shovels	154 23	
Henry Poirier, welding ..	94 50	
Seaver's Express	4 50	
Columbia Steel Co., plow blades	164 65	
Mendon Auto Salvage, welding	5 50	
Total expended	—————	\$4,239 73
Unexpended		1,760 27
	—————	\$6,000 00

CHAPTER 81

Town Appropriation	\$3,700 00
State Allotment	10,175 00
Total	————— \$13,875 00
Expended:	
Labor	\$6,311 68

Town Equipment	2,138 70	
Hired Equipment	518 00	
H. A. Daniels Co., Insur.	262 65	
Rosenfeld Sand & Stone		
Co.	1,397 22	
Trimount Bituminous		
Products	2,404 49	
Corbett Concrete Pipe		
Co.	97 20	
Henry J. Poirier, gravel	744 60	
Total expended		\$13,874 54
Unexpended		46
		————— \$13,875 00

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

Town Appropriation	\$1,500 00
State Allotment	1,500 00
County Allotment	1,500 00
Total	————— \$4,500 00

Expended:

Labor	\$1,015 05	
Town Equipment	602 43	
Hired Equipment	188 50	
H. A. Daniels Co., Insur.	43 14	
Trimount Bituminous		
Products	2,122 68	
Rosenfeld Sand & Stone		
Co.	509 83	
Roland Temple, blasting	17 69	
Total expended		\$4,499 32
Unexpended		68
		————— \$4,500 00

CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION

Town Appropriation	\$2,000 00
State Allotment	4,000 00
County Allotment	2,000 00
Total	<u>\$8,000 00</u>

Expended:

Labor	\$1,934 65
Town Equipment	761 90
Hired Equipment	1,116 50
Henry J. Poirier, gravel	1,199 40
Roland Temple, blasting	1 90
Norman Rogers, gravel ..	72 25
N. E. Metal Culvert Co.	1,131 31
Frances Morrison, gravel	7 50
Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co.	57 01
Trimount Bituminous Products	563 29
State Prison Colony, guard rail	97 50
H. A. Daniels Co., Insur.	82 22
Total expended	<u>\$7,025 45</u>
Unexpended	974 57
	<u>\$8,000 00</u>

DRAINAGE—BLACKSTONE STREET

Appropriation	\$2,500 00
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Expended:

Labor	\$350 80
Town Equipment	208 00
Hired Equipment	691 00
Worcester Foundry Co. ..	36 12
Corbett Concrete Pipe Co.	1,055 60

Rosenfeld Sand & Stone		
Co.	108 33	
Medway Block Co.	9 50	
Southeastern Const. Co.	39 72	
Total expended	—————	\$2,499 07
Unexpended		93
	—————	\$2,500 00

DRAINAGE—MAIN STREET

Appropriation		\$400 00
Expended:		
Wages	\$139 60	
Corbett Concrete Pipe		
Co.	260 16	
Total expended	—————	\$399 76
Unexpended		24
	—————	\$400 00

DRAINAGE—WASHINGTON STREET

Appropriation		\$500 00
Expended:		
Wages	\$225 45	
Town Equipment	28 00	
H. Poirier	8 35	
Kinnecome release	1 00	
Medway Block Co.	15 12	
Corbett Concrete Pipe		
Co.	211 56	
H. M. Curtis Co.	2 10	
Rosenfeld Sand & Stone		
Co.	7 70	
Total expended	—————	\$499 28
Unexpended		72
	—————	\$500 00

ROAD MACHINERY ACCOUNT

Transferred from Road Machinery Fund	\$3,000 00
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Expended:

Labor	\$36 40	
Lakeside Garage, repairs	344 27	
Scott, White Truck Inc.	75 95	
Mendon Gulf Station	743 49	
H. A. Daniels Co., Insur.	124 36	
Donald B. Lowell, Insur.	34 82	
Karl Bright, Insurance ..	156 63	
Home Nat'l. Bank. note and interest	1,037 50	
Bowker-Hamblin- Malmquist, tires	248 65	
E. F. Edson Co., repairs	35 10	
H. J. Poirier, welding	32 00	
Henley-Kimball Co., parts	3 57	
Vater's Garage, inspections	2 00	
So. Milford Service Sta.	21 65	
Wm. Bowen, parts	7 07	
Turnpike Auto Parts	15 00	
White Motors, parts	4 54	
Mendon Auto Salvage, repairs	51 85	
Total expended	\$2,994 60	
Unexpended	5 40	
	<hr/> \$3,000 00	

ROAD MACHINERY FUND

Balance January 1, 1953	\$7,065 02
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Transferred to Road	
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Machinery Account	\$3,000 00
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Transferred to		
New Tractor Account	\$4,000 00	
Total transfers	7,000 00	
Balance		\$65 02

Paid to Town Treasurer for
use of equipment:

Chapter 81	\$2,138 70	
Chapter 90 Construction	761 90	
Chapter 90 Maintenance	602 43	
General Repairs	24 00	
Snow Removal	922 50	
Board of Health	34 00	
Washington St. Drainage	28 00	
Blackstone St. Drainage ..	208 00	
Miscellaneous rentals	20 00	
Road Machinery account		
unexpended	5 40	
Total	\$4,744 93	
Balance December 31, 1953		\$4,809 95

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE—SALARIES

Appropriation		\$45 00
Expended:		
Harold Metcalf	\$15 00	
John L. Lundvall	15 00	
Ernest P. Wood	15 00	
Total expended		\$45 00

PUBLIC WELFARE—TEMPORARY AID

Appropriation		\$6,000 00
Expended:		
(Mendon Settlement)		
Three persons in own		
homes	\$1,265 26	

One person in Rest

Home	1,553 10	
One person in hospital	130 00	
One family in other town	8 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,956 36

(Settlement Other Towns)

One person in own home	201 70	
Three families in own homes	962 83	
	<hr/>	1,164 53

(No settlement—chargeable to State)

One family in own home	139 26
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(Disability Assistance)

Two persons in own homes	801 04	
United Community Services	10 00	
Total expended	<hr/>	\$5,071 19
Unexpended		928 81
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		\$6,000 00

Proportionate share of above expenses:

State of Massachusetts ..	\$139 26	
Town of Milford	1,134 53	
City of Northampton	30 00	
State and Federal share of Disability Assistance	600 78	
Town of Mendon	3,166 62	
	<hr/>	\$5,071 19

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE—FEDERAL GRANT

Received from Federal Government:

Direct Aid	\$982 19	
Administration	31 65	
Total		\$1,013 84

Expended:

For Direct Aid, 2 cases	\$753 60	
Unexpended	260 24	
		\$1,013 84
State and Federal share of above expenses	\$565 20	
Town of Mendon's share	188 40	
		\$753 60

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Appropriation	\$2,000 00	
Transferred from Surplus Revenue	2,000 00	
From Federal Gov't., Direct Aid	2,319 89	
From Federal Gov't., Administration	72 42	
Total		\$6,392 31

Expended:

For Direct Aid, 5 cases	\$3,737 92	
Unexpended	2,654 39	
		\$6,392 31

Summary:

Federal Gov't. share	\$1,985 39	
State of Mass. share	1,245 63	
Town of Mendon	506 90	
		\$3,737 92

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Appropriation	\$16,000 00	
From Federal Government	20,919 11	
Total		\$36,919 11

Expended:

For Direct Aid, 56 cases	\$33,803 22	
Unexpended	3,115 89	
	<hr/>	\$36,919 11

Summary:

Federal Gov't. share	\$16,595 66	
State of Massachusetts ..	10,904 36	
Due from other Towns ..	1,054 06	
Town of Mendon's share	5,249 14	
	<hr/>	\$33,803 22

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE—ADMINISTRATION

Appropriation	\$750 00	
Received from Federal Gov't.	857 62	
Total	<hr/>	\$1,607 62

Expended:

Helen F. Irons,		
Welfare Worker	\$1,050 00	
Cahill's, supplies	2 20	
Postage	60 11	
Traveling expense	15 40	
Hobbs & Warren,		
supplies	14 94	
J. C. Moore Co., supplies	3 95	
Total expended	<hr/>	\$1,146 60
Unexpended	461 02	
	<hr/>	\$1,607 62

Summary:

Federal Gov't. share	\$595 80	
State of Mass. share	10 81	
Town of Mendon	539 99	
	<hr/>	\$1,146 60

VETERANS' BENEFITS

Appropriation	\$500 00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	\$500 00	
Total		\$1,124 36

Expended:

State Association, dues ..	\$2 00	
Ernest Bouchard, expenses to State Meeting	100 00	
Forbes Press, supplies	10 00	
Aid 2 persons in other Towns	574 00	
Aid 1 person in own home	438 36	
Total expended		\$1,124 36

Summary:

State's share	\$506 18	
Town of Mendon's share	618 18	
		\$1,124 36

ADMINISTRATION OF VETERANS' BENEFITS

Appropriation	\$100 00
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Expended:

Ernest Bouchard, Agent	\$83 32	
Harold Metcalf, salary 2 months	8 34	
Ernest P. Wood, salary 2 months	8 34	
Total expended		\$100 00

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$60,499 16
Dog Tax Refund	495 84
Total	<u>\$60,945 00</u>
Expended	\$60,929 63
Unexpended	15 37
	<u>\$60,945 00</u>

(For detail of expenditures see School Report)

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Appropriation	\$1,000 00
Expended:	
Town of Framingham,	
tuition	\$16 20
Norfolk Co. Agri. School,	
tuition	160 00
City of Worcester, tuition	309 30
Transportation	191 70
H. P. Clough, Driver	
Education course	78 00
Total expended	<u>\$755 20</u>
Unexpended	244 80
	<u>\$1,000 00</u>

SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

Balance January 1, 1953	\$2,400 00
Expended:	
C. L. Goss, labor &	
material	\$100 48
Hopedale Coal & Ice Co.	40 68

E. T. Powers	54 02	
Ernest Mellen, repairs	15 00	
Horace Partridge, supplies	21 50	
Norman Rogers, fill & grading	323 00	
Total expended		\$554 68
Balance December 31, 1953		1,845 32
		<hr/> \$2,400 00

SPECIAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Balance January 1, 1953	\$519 13	
Revenue from meals	5,937 88	
State Reimbursement	2,103 97	
Total		<hr/> \$8,560 98

Expended:

Salaries	\$2,115 00	
Food supplies	4,969 68	
Kitchen supplies	102 28	
Transportation fees	65 86	
Frozen food locker	18 00	
Miscellaneous	5 00	
Total expended		<hr/> \$7,275 82
Unexpended balance		1,285 16
		<hr/> \$8,560 98

PARK DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$200 00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	200 00	
Total		<hr/> \$400 00

Expended:

Fred Phipps, labor	\$5 00	
George Johnson, labor	141 00	

Chester O. Avery, labor	33 50	
Raymond Thomas, labor	158 00	
Clayton Parkinson, flowers	13 20	
Lakeside Flower Shop	10 50	
Total expended		\$361 20
Unexpended	38 80	
		<u>\$400 00</u>

WATER DEPARTMENT MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		\$750 00
Expended:		
Town of Bellingham, water	\$293 71	
Varney Bros., labor and services	121 13	
Lloyd Nelson, labor and materials	190 98	
George Allen, meter reading	19 00	
Louis Sidoni, labor	35 00	
Postage	3 63	
Total expended		\$663 45
Unexpended	86 55	
		<u>\$750 00</u>

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' GRAVES

Appropriation		\$30 00
Expended:		
Swan Dale Cemetery Assoc.		\$30 00

MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

Appropriation		\$225 00
Expended:		
Sons of Union Veterans,		
flags	\$8 00	
D. C. Ryan, band	150 00	
Clayton Parkinson,		
flowers	11 50	
Lakeside Flower Shop	8 00	
C. C. Shattuck, supplies	35 20	
Total expended	\$212 70	
Unexpended	12 30	
		\$225 00

TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Appropriation	\$810 00	
Transfer from Reserve Fund	60 00	
Total		\$870 00
Expended:		
H.W. Wilson Company	\$11 80	
American Library Association	6 00	
Worcester County Electric Co.	24 58	
E. T. Powers, Heat Installation	232 50	
Barney Coal Co.	114 67	
Vestella M. Daniels, Librarian	300 00	
Raymond C. Dudley, Janitor	100 00	
Chester C. Shattuck, Supplies	50	
Samuel F. Mitchell, Electrician	62 65	
Danny's News Stand	17 30	
Total expended	\$870 00	
Expended from Samuel Taft Fund:		
E. T. Powers, Heating Contract	\$76 00	

Expended from Frederic M. Kinsley Fund:

Samuel F. Mitchell, Lighting System	\$500 00
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Expended from Fletcher Fund:

Personal Book Shop, Inc.	\$148 94
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INSURANCE ON TOWN BUILDINGS

Appropriation	\$1,700 00
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Expended:

Donald B. Lowell, Agent	\$1,644 83
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Unexpended	55 17
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	<hr/>	\$1,700 00
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TOWN REPORTS

Appropriation	\$620 00
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Expended:

Uxbridge Printing Co.	\$620 00
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RESERVE FUND

Appropriation	\$2,000 00
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Transfers:

Selectmen's Expense	\$50 00
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Taft Public Library	60 00
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Collector's Expense	1 41
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Record Room

Maintenance	16 20
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Fire Department	56 15
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Wire Inspector	10 00
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Police Department	27 38
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Veterans' Benefits	624 36
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Park Department	200 00
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Dog Officer	36 00	
Tree Warden	202 25	
Total transfers	—————	\$1,283 75
Unexpended	716 25	
	—————	\$2,000 00

MATURING DEBT

Appropriation	\$4,000 00
Transferred from Surplus Revenue	8,000 00
Total	————— \$12,000 00
Expended:	
School House Loan	1,000 00
Fire Station Loan	10,000 00
Water Construction Loan	1,000 00
Total expended	————— \$12,000 00

INTEREST ON MATURING DEBT

Appropriation	\$733 75
Expended:	
Fire Station Loan	\$250 00
Water Construction Loan	371 25
School House Loan	112 50
Total expended	————— \$733 75

REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT

December 31, 1953

RECEIPTS

General Revenue

Taxes:

Current Year:

Poll	\$910 00
Personal Property	6,385 48
Real Estate	69,641 60
Motor Vehicle Excise	12,645 22

Previous Years:

Personal Property	479 96
Real Estate	5,808 78
Motor Vehicle Excise	2,626 09
Estate of Deceased Persons	201 36
Tax Titles Redeemed	331 38
Tax Titles Sold	596 00

From the State:

Corporation Tax	6,394 49
Income Tax	4,750 60

Licenses and Permits: 283 01

Grants and Gifts:

From Federal Government:

Old Age Assistance	17,154 65
Aid to Dependent Children	2,354 56
Disability Assistance	976 85

From State:

School Aid, Chap. 70	13,303 46
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Vocational Education	120 50
High School Tuition & Transportation	8,600 00
Highways, Chap. 81—1952 Contract	6,744 00
Highways, Chap. 81—1953 Contract	2,482 00
Inspector of Animals	75 00
Meal Tax, O.A.A.	691 49
Rent of Fire Tower land	50 00
From County:	
Dog License Refund	495 84
Other:	
Sale of Real Estate	75 00
Gas pipe-line release	5 00

Commercial Revenue

Town Clerk, sale of Town Annals	13 00
Town Hall Rent	519 00
Wire Inspections (1952)	20 00
Wire Inspections (1953)	15 00
Sealer's Fees	19 75

Health and Sanitation:

County, Dog Officer reimbursement	76 50
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Highways:

Truck and Machinery Rental	4,739 53
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Charities:

Temporary Aid, from Cities and Towns	2,368 99
State, Aid to Dependent Children	1,222 82
State, Disability Assistance	450 42
State, Old Age Assistance	10,340 01
Recoveries from Old Age Assistance ..	874 85

Old Age Assistance, Cities and Towns	907 19
State, Temporary Aid	834 87
State, Indigent Persons	156 00
State, Veterans' Benefits	267 00

Schools:

Tuition, Boston City Wards	1,036 69
School Lunch Revenue	8,041 85
Library Fines	11 24
Water Department Revenue	1,917 53

Interest:

Thayer Cemetery Fund	5 00
Deferred Taxes	241 26
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	24 36
Tax Titles redeemed	26 98

Agency, Trust and Investment:

Kinsley Library Fund	500 00
Dog License Fees due County	586 00
Trust Fund Income	161 44
Federal Withholding Taxes	7,282 22
Worcester County Retirement Deductions	1,060 03

Refunds:

Town Truck insurance	7 87
School check returned	9 75
Selectmen's advertising	5 10

Total Receipts, 1953	\$207,924 57
Balance January 1, 1953	43,443 47
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	\$251,368 04

EXPENDITURES

General Government

Moderator's Salary	\$25 00
Selectmen's Salaries	700 00
Selectmen's Expense	186 89
Town Accountant's Salary	400 00
Town Accountant's Expense	36 35
Treasurer's Salary	700 00
Treasurer's Expense	186 99
Collector's Salary	925 00
Collector's Expense	226 41
Assessors' Salaries	700 00
Assessors' Expense	299 48
Town Counsel's Salary	100 00
Town Counsel's Expense	75 00
Town Clerk's Salary	250 00
Town Clerk's Expense	431 58
Elections and Registration	534 25
Clerical Hire for Town Officers	299 70
Bonds for Town Officers	244 00
Town Hall Maintenance	793 70
Record Room Maintenance	366 20
Heat & Lights—Town Buildings	2,652 82
Town Hall Roofing	642 90
Town Hall Well	4,877 79

Protection of Persons and Property

Constable's Salary	25 00
Police Department	3,027 38
Police Room Construction	79 58
Fire Department	2,056 15
Wire Inspector	90 00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	50 00
Hydrant Rental	550 00
Moth Suppression	200 00

Elm Beetle Suppression	500 00
Tree Warden	952 25
Forest Fires	499 10
Dog Officer	136 00
Civilian Defense	133 92
Fire Hose	500 00

Health and Sanitation

Board of Health	1,070 65
Worcester County Hospital	2,342 29
Inspector of Animals	150 00
Inspector of Slaughtering	25 00

Highways

General Repairs	1,997 80
Highway Machinery Maintenance	1,994 60
Snow Removal	4,239 73
Chapter 81	13,874 54
Chapter 90 Maintenance	4,499 32
Chapter 90 Construction	7,025 43
Main Street Drainage	399 76
Blackstone Street Drainage	2,499 07
Washington Street Drainage	499 28
Street Lighting	643 95
New Tractor	3,873 00

Charities

Public Welfare Salaries	45 00
General Relief	5,137 38
Disability Assistance, Federal Grant	753 60
Aid to Dependent Children	3,736 92
Old Age Assistance	32,475 68
Administration of O.A.A., A.D.C. & D.A.	1,146 60
Veterans' Benefits	1,058 17
Administration of Veterans' Benefits	100 00

Schools and Library

School Department	60,939	38
Vocational Education	755	20
School Playground	554	68
School Lunch Program	7,275	82
Taft Public Library	870	00
Kinsley Library Bequest	500	00
Samuel Taft Library Bequest	76	00

Unclassified

Park Department	361	20
Memorial Day Celebration	212	70
Annuity Fund	500	00
Insurance on Town Buildings	1,644	83
Worcester Co. Retirement Expense Fund	839	00
Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves	30	00
Town Reports	620	00
Tax Title Foreclosure	29	70
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	379	93

Public Service Enterprise

Water Department	663	45
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Interest

Maturing Debt	733	75
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Municipal Indebtedness

Payments on Notes	13,000	00
State Parks & Reservations	222	29

Agency, Trust and Investment

County Tax	4,582	34
Dog Licenses for County	584	00
Austin Fletcher Library Fund	148	94

Interest to Post War Rehabilitation Fund	12 50
Federal Withholding Taxes	7,282 22
Worcester County Retirement Deductions	1,060 03
Stabilization Fund	5,000 00

Refunds

1953 Real Estate Taxes	83 60
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	266 61

Total expenditures	\$223,269 38
Balance December 31, 1953	28,098 66
	<hr/>
	\$251,368 04

HELEN F. IRONS,

Town Accountant

TOWN OF MENDON

Balance Sheet - December 31, 1953

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
Cash:			
In Bank	\$28,098 66	Dog Licenses—Due County	\$2 00
Accounts Receivable:		Excess—Sales of Lands of	69 63
Taxes:		Low Value	30 78
Levy of 1952:		Tailings	
Personal Property	\$155 10	Thayer Cemetery	50 06
Real Estate	465 70	Fund Income	
Levy of 1953:		Old Age Assistance	874 85
Personal Property	637 80	—Recoveries	
Real Estate	6,312 52	Federal Grants:	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		Disability Assistance:	
Levy of 1953		Administration	\$31 65
Tax Titles	\$52 74	Assistance	228 59
Tax Titles—		Aid to Dependent Children:	
Tax Possessions	53 87	Administration	72 42
Departmental:		Aid	769 39
Town Hall	\$114 25	Old Age Assistance:	
Aid to Dependent Children	412 63	Administration	461 02
Veteran's Services	303 14	Assistance	3,095 72
Water		School Lunch Program	4,658 79
		Appropriation Balances:	1,285 16
		Police Station	
		Construction	\$120 42

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:
 Inside Debt Limit:
 General
 Outside Debt Limit:
 Public Service Enterprise

Inside Debt Limit:
 General:
 Departmental \$1,000 00
 Equipment 4,000 00
 School Addition \$5,000 00
 Outside Debt Limit:
 Public Service Enterprise:
 Water 16,000 00

\$21,000 00

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\$21,000 00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds:
 Cash and Securities:
 In Custody of Treasurer

Austin Wood Relief Fund .. \$1,398 56
 Nathan R. George Relief Fund 1,280 50
 Austin B. Fletcher Library Fund 5,235 42
 Anna Ellis Library Fund 633 08
 Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds 213 82
 Post-War Rehabilitation Fund 1,267 61
 Stabilization Fund 26,668 96

\$36,697 95

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectman would like to mention a few of the accomplishments which directly affect the townspeople.

In 1951 the tax rate was \$50.00; in 1952 it was \$47.00 and in 1953 it was reduced to \$44.00 per thousand. The tax rate is based primarily on the amount of the appropriations voted at Town Meeting. We earnestly urge the attendance of all taxpayers who are entitled to vote, to attend these meetings. It is your civic duty to exercise this privilege.

During 1953 \$10,000. was paid on the Fire Station note, thus liquidating the loan which was due to run four more years. The finances of the Town have been substantial and have carried us through without the necessity of borrowing money in anticipation of revenue.

We wish to express our thanks for the co-operation extended to us by all Town Departments during the past year.

Respectfully,

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Ernest P. Wood, Chairman

LIST OF JURORS

Chester O. Avery	Draftsman	George Street
Gordon R. Good	Machinist	North Avenue
Mildred A. Goss	Housewife	Maple Street
Norman H. Handley	Storekeeper	North Avenue
Alice H. Leonard	Housewife	Providence Street
Charles F. Leonard	Realtor	Providence Street
Donald B. Lowell	Dairyman	North Avenue
Madelaine W. Mann	Housewife	Washington Street
Marjorie Mathewson	Coat Maker,	Hartford Ave., West
Marjorie H. Shattuck	Housewife	Elm Street
Marion G. Stevens	Hat worker	Main Street
Douglas Taylor	Carpenter	George Street
Fern Wagner	Tile Worker	Millville Street
Everett G. Watson	Sales Supervisor	Bates Street
Jesse F. White	Boat Dealer	Uxbridge Road
Charles H. Wood	Expeditior	Hartford Ave., West

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

CASH RECEIPTS

JANUARY 1, 1953—DECEMBER 31, 1953

Cash on hand, January 1, 1953	\$ 43,443 47
Receipts for year 1953	207,924 57
	<hr/> \$251,368 04

Paid per Selectmen's Warrants year	
1953	\$223,269 38
Cash balance December 31, 1953	28,098 66
	<hr/> \$251,368 04

Balance on hand December 31, 1953 ..	\$ 28,098 66
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Balance in The Home National Bank
of Milford December 31, 1953 \$ 34,696 43

Less outstanding checks as of December	
31, 1953	\$ 6,597 77
	<hr/> \$ 28,098 66

(See Town Accountant's Report for detail of Receipts and
Expenditures)

1 Tax Title	\$ 52 74
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TRUST FUND REPORTS — DECEMBER 31, 1953

AUSTIN WOOD RELIEF FUND

Dr.

To Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$575 45	
To Interest received from Milford Savings Bank	16 66	
To Cash in Worcester County Institution for Savings	782 81	
To Interest received from Worcester County Institution for Savings	23 64	
	<hr/>	\$1,398 56

Cr.

By Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$592 11	
By Cash in Worcester County Institution for Savings	806 45	
	<hr/>	\$1,398 56

U. S. DEFENSE BOND

Dr.

To one U. S. Defense Bond	\$1,000 00	
To Interest received on Bond	25 00	
To Interest received previous to 1953 and on deposit in The Home National Bank of Milford	239 02	
To Interest received from The Home National Bank of Milford	3 59	
	<hr/>	\$1,267 61

Cr.

By one U. S. Defense Bond	\$1,000 00	
By Cash in The Home National Bank of Milford	267 61	
	<hr/>	\$1,267 61

STABILIZATION FUND

Dr.

To Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$15,413 08	
To Interest received from Milford Savings Bank	449 56	
To Cash in Milford Federal Savings and Loan Association	10,489 29	
To Interest received from Milford Federal Savings and Loan Association	317 03	
	<hr/>	\$26,668 96

Cr.

By Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$15,862 64	
By Cash in Milford Federal Savings and Loan Association	10,806 32	
	<hr/>	\$26,668 96

ANNA ELLIS LIBRARY FUND

Dr.

To Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$615 27	
To Interest received from Milford Savings Bank	17 81	
	<hr/>	\$633 08

Cr.

By Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$633 08	
	<hr/>	\$633 08

NATHAN R. GEORGE, JR. TRUST FUND

Dr.

To Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$1,244 47	
To Interest received from Milford Savings Bank	36 03	
	<hr/>	\$1,280 50

Cr.

By Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$1,280 50	
	<hr/>	\$1,280 50

AUSTIN B. FLETCHER LIBRARY FUND

Dr.

To Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$5,234 04	
To Interest received from Milford Savings Bank	150 32	
	<hr/>	\$5,384 36

Cr.

By Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$5,235 42	
By 3 Library Orders	148 94	
	<hr/>	\$5,384 36

ANNIE E. GASKILL LOT — BICKNELL CEMETERY

Dr.

To Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$103 91	
To Interest received from Milford Savings Bank	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$106 91

Cr.

By Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$106 91	
	<hr/>	\$106 91

JOSEPH S. COX, JOSEPH BATES AND JOHN S. COX

LOTS — BICKNELL CEMETERY

Dr.

To Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$103 91	
To Interest received from Milford Savings Bank	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$106 91

Cr.

By Cash in Milford Savings Bank	\$106 91	
	<hr/>	\$106 91

During the year 1953, all of the property that had been taken by the Town for non-payment of taxes was either redeemed or sold at auction. This included 24 parcels taken by the Town from 1934 to 1949. The real estate is now on the valuation books and bringing in revenue.

One parcel of 8 acres was held by the Town. The Selectmen, after establishing the bounds and determining its availability, decided to hold this land in case Mendon, in the future, should need a site for a Town Dump.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. LEONARD

Treasurer

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

1953

1951 Personal Property Taxes

Dr.

Taxes Outstanding Jan. 1, 1953	\$25 00	
Interest	1 33	
	_____	\$26 33

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$26 33	
Uncollected	00	
	_____	\$26 33

1951 Real Estate Taxes

Dr.

Taxes Outstanding Jan. 1, 1953	\$398 88	
Interest	14 19	
	_____	\$413 07

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$413 07	
Uncollected	00	
	_____	\$413 07

1952 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes

Dr.

Taxes Outstanding Jan. 1, 1953 and including Taxes committed Jan. 2, 1953 and Jan. 28, 1953	\$5,230 88	
Interest	11 93	
	<hr/>	\$5,242 81

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$2,638 02	
Abated	2,604 79	
Uncollected	00	
	<hr/>	\$5,242 81

1952 Personal Property Taxes

Dr.

Taxes Outstanding Jan. 1, 1953	\$610 06	
Interest	16 82	
	<hr/>	\$626 88

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$471 78	
Uncollected	155 10	
	<hr/>	\$626 88

1952 Real Estate Taxes

Dr.

Taxes Outstanding Jan. 1, 1953	\$5,875 60	
Interest	160 23	
	<hr/>	\$6,035 83

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$5,570 13	
Uncollected	465 70	
	<hr/>	\$6,035 83

1953 Poll Taxes

Dr.

Taxes Committed	\$1,110 00	
Interest	1 03	
Charges and Fees	21 35	
	<hr/>	\$1,132 38

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$932 38	
Abated	200 00	
Uncollected	00	
	<hr/>	\$1,132 38

1953 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes

Dr.

Total Taxes Committed	\$14,302 28	
Interest	12 43	
	<hr/>	\$14,314 71

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$12,657 65	
Abated	112 19	
Uncollected	1,544 87	
	<hr/>	\$14,314 71

1953 Personal Property Taxes

Dr.

Taxes Committed	\$7,026 80	
Interest	79	
	<hr/>	\$7,027 59

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$6,386 27	
Abated	3 52	
Uncollected	637 80	
	<hr/>	\$7,027 59

1953 Real Estate Taxes

Dr.

Taxes Committed	\$78,410 20	
Interest	25 52	
	<hr/>	\$78,435 72

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$69,667 12	
Abated	2,416 48	
Subsequent Tax Title Credit	39 60	
Uncollected	6,312 52	
	<hr/>	\$78,435 72

Tax Refunds For 1953

1952 Motor Vehicles Exise Taxes	\$15 08	
1953 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	251 53	
1953 Real Estate Taxes	83 60	
	<hr/>	\$350 21

Dr.

Estate of Ellen C. Barry	\$201 36	
	<hr/>	\$201 36

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$201 36	
	<hr/>	\$201 36

Respectfully submitted

ARTHUR P. DALTON

Collector of Taxes

January 1, 1954

ASSESSORS' REPORT

The Assessors' Recapitulation Sheet and Table of Aggregates is given below:

RECAPITULATION 1953

Town Appropriations:

Voted since 1952 Tax Rate fixed	\$165,485 47	
Other	500 00	
State Taxes 1953	547 35	
County Taxes 1953	9,122 55	
Overlay for 1953	2,500 00	
Gross Amount to be raised	<hr/>	\$178,155 37
Estimated Receipts	\$67,662 97	
Available Funds	23,945 40	
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Total Estimated Receipts and		
Available Funds		91,608 37
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Net Amount to be raised by taxation

on Polls and Property		\$86,547 00
555 Poll Taxes at \$2.00	\$1,110 00	
Personal Property Taxes	7,026 80	
Real Estate Taxes	78,410 20	
Total Taxes levied on Polls and		
Property	<hr/>	\$86,547 00

AGGREGATES 1953

Number of Assessments on	
Real Estate	643
Number of Assessments on	
Personal Estate	74
Number of Polls Assessed	555

Value of Assessed Personal Estate:

Stock-in-trade	\$8,200 00	
Machinery	79,600 00	
Livestock	67,300 00	
Other tangible Personal Prop.	4,600 00	
Total value of Assessed		
Personal Estate	—————	\$159,700 00

Value of Assessed Real Estate:

Land exclusive of buildings	\$347,475 00	
Buildings exclusive of Land	1,434,575 00	
Total value of Assessed Real Estate	—————	\$1,782,050 00
Total valuation of Assessed Estate		\$1,941,750 00
Tax on Personal Estate	\$7,026 80	
Tax on Real Estate	78,410 20	
Tax on Polls	1,110 00	
Total	—————	\$86,547 00
Rate of Tax per \$1,000	\$44 00	

Number of Livestock Assessed:

Horses	24
Cows	547
Other Neat Cattle	125
Swine	23
Fowl	4,100
All other	11

Number of Dwelling

Houses Assessed	596
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Number of Acres of

Land Assessed	10,761
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MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES

Committed to Collector:

Vehicles registered in 1952	\$4,435 56	
Vehicles registered in 1953	14,302 28	
Total	—————	\$18,737 84

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES ABATED

1952 Taxes	\$2,604 79	
1953 Taxes	112 19	
Total abatements	—————	\$2,716 98

OVERLAY ACCOUNT 1953

1953 Overlay	\$2,500 00
1953 Abatements	2,703 60

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD B. LOWELL

D. KINSLEY BARNES

CARL M. TAFT

Board of Assessors

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

1953

DOGS LICENSED IN 1953

155 Males at \$2.00 each	\$310 00	
26 Females at \$5.00 each	130 00	
71 Spayed Females at \$2.00 each	142 00	
3 \$10.00 Kennel Licenses	30 00	
1 \$25.00 Kennel License	25 00	
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		\$637 00
Less Clerk's Fees 256 licenses at 20c		51 20
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Cash paid Town Treasurer as per monthly statements		\$585 80

Much credit is due our Town Dog Officer, Raymond Miller for his efforts in collecting delinquent dog licenses in 1953.

We have a new County Dog Officer this year who is urging the Assessors to make a more complete canvass of dogs in this town.

He will this coming year visit and inspect all kennels and will no doubt take further action in more prompt payment of licenses.

All dogs three months old or more must be licensed at the Town Clerk's office on or before April 1, 1954. The Dog License Refund is added to the General School Fund of our Town.

SPORTING LICENSES ISSUED FROM
JANUARY 1, 1953 TO DECEMBER 31, 1953

111 Resident Citizen Fishing
98 Resident Citizen Hunting

73 Resident Citizen Sporting	
23 Resident Citizen Minor Fishing	
43 Resident Citizen Female Fishing	
2 Special Non-resident Fishing	
8 Non-resident Citizen Fishing	
2 Resident Alien Fishing	
1 Non-resident Citizen Hunting	
1 Non-resident Citizen Sporting	
6 Duplicate licenses	
1 Non-resident Military or Naval Sporting	
18 Resident Citizen Sporting (Free)	
9 Resident Citizen Military (Free)	
1 Resident Citizen Fishing (Free)	
Total amount received for licenses	\$1,311 50
Less amount retained for fees—366 at 25c	90 75
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Amount sent to the Department of	
Natural Resources	\$1,220 75

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1953

Date of Birth Birth		Name of Child	Name of Parents With Maiden Name of Mother
Jan.	16	Donald George Phillips	George M. and Barbara C. Packard
	18	Paul James Larson	George C. and Arlene Grant
	20	Baby Boy Whiting	Robert E. and Beatrice Sanborn
Feb.	20	John Henry Paradiso	Edward J. and Ruth M. Meade
	22	Warren Daniel Taft	Daniel H. and Lois Rosenquist
Mar.	1	Barbara Rhea Thomas	Ernest S. and Mary L. Labaire
	22	Joseph Leon Biedrzycki	Raymond F. and Katherine King
	28	Willard Edwin Kinnecome, Jr.	Willard E. and Ruth Alma Lyon
April	29	Stephen Albert Hackenson	Thomas D. and Dorothy Charge
	20	Michael Aldore Tetrealt	Aldore E. and Pauline A. Leclair
	21	Patricia Ann Richards	Robert J. and Frances A. York
May	1	James Merton Rogers, 3rd.	James M. and Joyce L. Palmer
	5	Maureen Elizabeth Fagan	Robert K. and Shirley Christensen
	6	Susan Carol Hutchinson	George P. and Patricia Gaskell
June	7	Deborah Ann Ernest	Ronald W. and Elizabeth Nordby
	8	Ann Marie Lamothe	Francis J. and Edwina Tetreault
	12	Michael Alfred Legge	Dominic J. and Henrietta I Macomber
July	9	Cynthia Ann Wolanski	Edward J. and Jennie P. Oleksyk
	16	Susan Fricker	Albert R. and Caroline Cacciola
	22	Ann Marie Morgan	Kenneth D. and Dorothy Condrick
Aug.	23	James Brian Hensel	Aubrey M. and Virginia Irons
	24	Daryl Marina Channing	Walter J. and Eunice Whitney
	17	Mary Elizabeth Irons	Francis A. and Dorothy Larson
Sept.	20	Mark Haven Fitz Gerald	Chester F. and Hazel Nelson
	1	Elaine Brogan	Elwyn and Anna Taxiera
	7	Patricia Mae Curley	Kenneth J. and Margaret J. Potter
Oct.	20	Jeanne Marie Riccardelli	Michael J. and Dorothy Pease
	25	Randi William Nuttall	Stanley E. and Jacqueline M. Dyer
	25	Baby Girl Kraft	Steven S. and Florence Noyes
Nov.	30	Nicholas Peter Frabotta	Felix C. and Stella Arata
	10	Sheila Marie Clancy	William F. Jr. and Agnes T. Schlichte
	19	Keith Donald Thrash	Melvin V. and Jacquelyn M. Curley
Dec.	3	William Albert Auty	William and Mary J. Whitney
	11	Kathleen Elaine Kennelly	Francis E. and Mildred A. Auty
	12	John Walter Gardner	Edward T. and Marilyn Beal
Dec.	13	Carol Ann Slavin	William W. and Joyce Sanderson
	19	Lee Ann Scannell	Joseph T. and Doris Morin
	3	— Magliocca	Ettore J. and Viola Brenna
Dec.	6	Edward Louis Bellevue	Edward P. and Rosetta Scordamaglia
	25	— Cresia	Luigi J. and Mika Ariki

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1953

Date of Marriage 1953		Place of Marriage	Names	Residence
Jan.	3	Hopedale	Melvin Verlon Thrash	Granbury, Texas
	31	Mendon	Jacquelyne May Curley Sumner Stephen Holbrook	Mendon Brunswick, Maine
Feb.	14	Hopedale	Lois Bertha Coleman	Mendon
			John A. Gonsorcik	East Douglas
	14	Mendon	Eleanor M. Daige	Mendon
Apr.			Francis A. Irons	Mendon
			Dorothy Larson	Millville
	11	Mendon	Edward E. Luther	Milford
			Mary R. Aurgemma	Milford
	18	Uxbridge	James Oliver Curry	Newark, Ohio
May			Norma P. Grassotti	Mendon
	25	Milford	Lyman E. Hazard	Mendon
			Jennie M. Volpe	Milford
	9	Milford	Robert W. McTurk	Mendon
			Nancy Nash	Milford
June			Raymond F. Coe	Mendon
			Shirley B. Keefe	Mendon
	6	Hopedale	Russell E. Phipps	Mendon
			Janet M. Metcalf	Hopedale
	13	Upton	Wesley T. Rogers	Mendon
July			Virginia F. Kerr	Upton
	4	Milford	Donald H. Gaskell	Mendon
			Lorraine Phaneuf	Milford
	8	Nashua, N.H.	Elwyn D. Brogan	Franklin
Aug.			Anna M. Texiera	Mendon
	1	Hopedale	Harry R. Grant	Mendon
			Janet Lapworth	Hopedale
	8	Mendon	Ernest J. Oosterman	Northbridge
Sept.			Betty Lou Mantoni	Mendon
	5	Hopedale	Henry J. Poirier, Jr.	Upton
			Nina L. Goodwin	Mendon
	5	Milford	John A. Chute	Hopedale
Oct.			Jean M. Hart	Mendon
	7	Bellingham	Rene Roy	Mendon
			Theresa Bibeault	Bellingham
	6	Nashua, N.H.	Roy S. Carpenter	Auburn
Nov.			Barbara J. Townsend	Mendon
	10	Hopedale	John W. Austin	Franklin
			Dorcas M. B. Dudley	Mendon
	10	Hopedale	Earl F. Thomas	Mendon
			Cecile M. Rondeau	Mendon
Dec.	24	Worcester	Louis Henry Roy	Mendon
			Judith A. Lorusso	Worcester
	31	Worcester	Richard M. Mattson	Mendon
			Vivian C. Peterson	Worcester
Nov.	21	Hopedale	William L. Winn	Milford
			Barbara A. Closson	Mendon
	25	Mendon	John J. Eckersall	Hopedale
			Bertha L. R. Chapin	Milford
Dec.	29	Mendon	Lawrence Niro	Milford
			Shirley Robinson	Mendon
	30	Mendon	J. Laurence Doyle	Mendon
			Ruth P. Granholm	Milford

DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1953

Date of Death 1953	Name	Age			Cause of Death
		Y	M	D	
Jan. 14	Adelaide M. (Rose) Kempton	76	6	10	Diabetes Mellitus
23	Baby Boy Whiting	...	...	3	Congenital Heart
Feb. 24	Ida Frances (Gongdon) Wilbur	84	2	29	Cerebral Hemorrhage
Mar. 5	George Borden Townsend	51	4	18	Cerebral Hemorrhage
30	William Edward Oliver	43	1	4	Acute Myocardial infarction
Apr. 22	Laurie P. Hutchinson	69	8	11	Coronary Heart disease
May 11	Gunvald Halsing	54	9	19	Coronary occlusion
29	Helen Sigfrid (Swanson) Garrett	61	4	14	Uremia
June 7	Mary J. (DeCosta) Alves	80	7	5	Generalized arterio sclerosis
Sept. 23	Baby Girl Kraft	...	...	...	Stillborn
Oct. 23	Mabel (Spaulding) Wagner	48	11	1	Obstruction of ureters
Nov. 5	Bessie Leonore Scott	66	2	15	Coronary heart disease
4	Margaret A. (Healey) Farnon	67	...	...	Acute occlusion iliac vessels
20	Mildred E. (Barnes) Miller	39	6	22	Pumonary embolism
27	William Edward Fahey	56	11	2	Coronary Thrombosis
Dec. 2	Andrew Hanson	69	...	...	Pumonary Thrombosis
2	Ernest Knox Mellen	45	1	19	Carcinoma of floor of mouth
24	Sarah F. (Evans) Morrison	86	0	13	Arterio-sclerotic heart disease

Parents and others are requested to carefully examine the above lists and if any errors or omissions are discovered report them at once to the town clerk, that the record may be corrected, as it is of importance that the records of Vital Statistics should be complete.

GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 46, SECTION 6.

Parents, within forty days after the birth of a child, and every householder, within forty days after a birth in his house, shall cause notice thereof to be given to the clerk of the town where such child is born***

NOTICE

SOME OF THE MANY

REASONS WHY BIRTHS SHOULD BE RECORDED

To establish identity.

To prove nationality.

To prove legitimacy.

To show when the child has the right to enter school.

To show when the child has the right to seek employment under the child labor law.

To establish the right of inheritance to property.

To establish liability to military duty, as well as exemption therefrom.

To establish age and citizenship in order to vote.

To qualify to hold title to, and to buy or sell real estate.

To establish the right to hold public office.

To prove the age at which the marriage contract may be entered into.

To prove age to determine validity of a contract entered into by an alleged minor.

To prove age for Old Age Assistance.

To prove age so as to have the right to take Civil Service Examinations.

Parents be sure to record the birth of your child with given name in full.

Your co-operation to the end that all births may be properly recorded will be greatly appreciated.

Parents will please return the supplemental birth report sent them by the Clerk, even though they have received one from the Clerk of the town in which the child was born. The corrections are not forwarded to the Mendon Town Clerk.

Blanks for the return of all Vital records can be obtained from the Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT S. COLEMAN,

Town Clerk.

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN AND MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

This year the Town appropriated \$750. for tree work due to an ice storm on January 11, 1953. The storm cost \$250. leaving a balance of \$500. to take care of trees that had to be removed or trimmed. This included the trees destroyed by the tornado on June 9th on Bellingham Street.

Later, the State Department of Conservation ordered us to remove and destroy nine elm trees which were found to have the Dutch Elm disease. It was, therefore, necessary to get a transfer from the Finance Committee of \$202.25 to cover this extra expense. The total cost of tree work amounted to \$952.25.

There are more elm trees which must be removed in 1954 as they are being destroyed by the Dutch Elm Disease.

The State authorities for Insect Pest Control have recommended that a total of \$1,000. be appropriated in 1954 for spraying for moths and elm beetle, instead of the customary \$200. and \$500. respectively.

WILLIAM NUTTALL

Tree Warden & Moth Superintendent

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

To the Board of Health:

Gentlemen:

I wish to report that there have been no inspections made during 1953.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLARD N. SEIBERT

Inspector of Slaughtering

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY SURVEYOR

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I submit the following report of work done on the Town roads during 1953:

Chapter 81

There were 15,637 gallons of tar and asphalt applied to various roads under this Chapter. Twenty-five hundred feet of West Hill Road was hard surfaced with tar and asphalt. Thayer Road was finished with hard surface also. Shoulders were cut back on George Street for a considerable distance, thus leaving ample room for snow removal and a better view of the corner. Five Hundred feet of Bellingham Street was rebuilt and shoulders cut back for better snow removal. Northbridge Street and Hartford Avenue were also cut back for snow removal purposes. Blackstone Street drainage was completed to the end of the airport field. Brush was cut on all Chapter 81 roads.

Chapter 90 Maintenance

A total of 14,297 gallons of tar and asphalt were applied to various roads. A new drain was installed on North Avenue near Powers Road to prevent the water from flowing across the street. This will relieve a spot which has been bad during the Winter months.

Chapter 90 Construction

New construction continued on Providence Street. It was necessary to build a new bridge near the residence of Dr. Ashkins.

The old bridge was built of flag stones and the heavy trucks passing over it, together with the winter frosts, had caused the stones to break, thereby leaving a large hole in the road. The contract was finished and \$974.57 was unexpended. This money will be carried over and used for 1954 construction. Brush was cut on all Chapter 90 Roads.

Drainage

The drainage projects on Blackstone Street, Main Street and Washington Street were all completed and are working very satisfactorily.

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Townspeople and State and County Engineers for their cooperation and assistance during the past year.

Respectively submitted,

WILLIAM R. BOWEN

Highway Surveyor

REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Selectmen of Mendon;
Gentlemen:

The Fire Department answered 23 alarms in 1953, at an estimated damage of \$45,300.

- 1 Dwelling Fire
- 6 Chimney Fires
- 2 Smoke Scares
- 2 Barn Fires
- 1 Oil burner Fire
- 6 Auto Fires
- 3 Other Building Fires
- 2 False Alarms

1 call for Gas Masks to remove leaking refrigerator. 1 call to get Cat out of tree, 2 calls to wet road for Highway Dept. 1 call to wet road after accident, 8 calls to pump out cellars.

The Firemen held the night before the fourth parade and entertainment which was enjoyed by all. This was made possible through the proceeds of the Auction held in June.

The Firemen decorated the Fire Station at Christmas and with the Mendon Grange lit the tree on Founders Park.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD F. LOWELL,

Fire Chief.

The Forest Fire Department answered 27 alarms in 1953, burning over 6 acres of grassland and 5 acres of brushland.

Fifteen of these fires started from burning grass and rubbish, 4 started by the roadside, 2 were started by Pipe line workers, 1 by Smokers, 1 by children and 4 started from Town Dumps.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD F. LOWELL

Forest Warden.

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Scales under 100 lbs., 9 at 50c	\$4 50
Scales over 100 lbs., 1 at \$1.00	1 00
Gasoline Pumps, 10 at \$1.00	10 00
Grease Pumps, 4 at 1.00	4 00
Kerosene Pumps 1 at 25c	25
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Fees and adjusting charges authorized by Section 56 G. L. Ch. 98 as amended by Ch. 34, Acts of 1949.

I have collected \$19.75 for sealing fees and have turned this amount over to the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND A. MILLER,

Sealer.

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

1953

Automobile accidents investigated	47
Persons injured..	36
Persons admitted to Hospital	14
Complaints received and answered	214
Messages delivered	24
Doors found unlocked	22
Arrests made	16
Summons issued	21
Summons served	9
Warrants issued	14
Warrants served	5
Summons served for out of Town Police	25
Warrants served for out of Town Police	6
Hours patrolling	1248
Miles covered patrolling	3120
Breaking and entering cases investigated	20
Court cases	22
Stolen cars recovered	5
Motor vehicle transfer forms issued	71
Class III Motor vehicle forms issued	50

Persons committed to Youth Service Center	2
Persons committed to State Hospital	6
Persons committed to House of Cofrection	1
Dogs injured which had to be destroyed	4
Gun permits issued	26
Permit to buy guns issued	4
Picked up as A. W. O. L. and returned to Military Authorities	3

The complaints received by this Department continue to increase with each year. There was also a slight increase of Automobile accidents, there being 47, the same as in 1951, an increase of 13 over 1952.

This year this Department received for the Town of Mendon, a Certificate of Honorable Mention, in recognition of its achievement in Highway Traffic Safety (in the 1000 to 4999 population class) based on its accident rate per 10,000 vehicle miles during the year 1952. This certificate was issued by Edgar C. Copell, President of the Massachusetts Safety Council.

We also received for the Town of Mendon a special award from the Governor's Highway Safety Conference. This award was presented to the Town of Mendon, in recognition of outstanding highway safety achievement in completing the year 1952 without a fatal motor vehicle traffic accident. This award was signed by Rudolph F. King, Registrar of Motor Vehicles, General Chairman, and Christian A. Herter, Governor of the Commonwealth, Honorary Chairman, and presented to the Town by Special Investigator W. Wallace O'Brien and Hearings Officer John Adams from the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

There were 192 motor vehicle violations reported to me during the year. There were 28 licenses suspended and 6 re-

voked as recommended by me to the Registry of Motor Vehicles. There were also 26 warning letters issued.

This completes the first full year that the Police Department have had their own rooms. The Officers continue to donate their time evenings between the hours of seven and nine and many are taking advantage of these hours to obtain forms and information.

This past year from July first until September tenth the roads were patrolled from seven in the evening until one in the morning. This patrolling seemed to stop some of the speeding that usually occurred between the hours from eleven and midnight and also eliminated some of breaking and entering cases that have occurred in the past. The Officer on duty covers the entire Town and checks all doors on the business establishments.

This coming year I would recommend that the patrolling start around Memorial Day and continue until at least the end of September.

At this time I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee, all other Town Officials and all the townspeople for their cooperation this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD C. BARROWS,

Chief of Police.

REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

I hereby submit a list of the deceased Dogs and Cats disposed of by me during 1953.

Feb. 14, Providence Street, 1 Cat	\$2 00
Feb. 28, Uxbridge Road, 1 Dog	2 00
Mar. 17, North Ave., 1 Cat	2 00
April 1, Maple Street, 1 Cat	2 00
April 3, Providence Street, 1 Cat	2 00
May 4, Providence Street, 4 Puppies	2 00
May 29, Bellingham Street, 1 Dog	2 00
May 30, Hartford Ave., West, 1 Cat	2 00
June 8, Northbridge Road, 1 Dog	2 00
July 23, Milford Street, 1 Dog	2 00
July 27, North Ave., 1 Cat	2 00
Aug. 22, North Ave., 4 Kittens	2 00
Oct. 8, Milford Street, 1 Cat	2 00
Oct. 15, Hartford Ave., East, 1 Dog	2 00
Oct. 20, Maple Street, 1 Cat	2 00
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	\$30 00

I have also caught, confined and disposed of 22 stray dogs during 1953.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND A. MILLER,

Dog Officer.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

The East Mendon Water System has been in use in that section of the Town since the latter part of 1947. At that time there were 28 takers. As of December 1953 a total of 52 takers are receiving service and there are 11 hydrants available. Additional services will be installed in 1954. This will make a substantial increase in water revenue as well as increased revenue from property taxes in this water section.

The assessed valuation of property owned by the takers of the East Mendon water system has been increased 10%. The present valuation amounts to \$16,039. On the basis of the 1953 tax rate of \$44.00 this would mean that approximately \$705.00 in taxes was received in 1953 from these water takers over and above their normal taxes.

In 1953 the Town received from;

Takers for use of water	\$1,367 53	
Increased taxes	705 00	
Total income	—————	\$2,072 53

Town appropriations;

Average Maintenance costs	
and services	\$600 00
Payment on Water loan	1,000 00
Approximate interest on note	300 00
Total expense	————— \$1,900 00

Approximate annual profit from	
water	\$172 53

This annual profit goes into surplus revenue for the Town.

We believe that the above figures prove that the East Mendon Water system is self-supporting.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN W. GODONOW

EVERETT G. WATSON

DANIEL LEONE

Water Commissioners

SEVENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Trustees of the Taft Public Library submit the Report of the Librarian, the Financial Report, and Trustees Report for the year ending December 31, 1953.

Several very important improvements have been made in the library building during the year.

In accordance with plans made last year, a new lighting system has been installed in the library room and reading alcove. The funds for the lighting system were nearly all provided through the generosity of Mrs. Emma Kinsley, of Marblehead, Massachusetts, who gave the money in memory of her husband, Mr. Frederic M. Kinsley, a former resident of Mendon. The improved lighting in the building is one of the most significant changes in the Library in recent years.

An oil burner has been installed in the heater with a heating duct built in the downstairs room.

On the evening of November 11, 1953 an open house was held at the Library. During the course of the evening, friends and neighbors of Miss Nina Burr presented to the Library a painting in memory of Miss Burr who served on the Board of Trustees for several years and was very much interested in the work of the Library and its contribution to the life of the community. The painting was the work of Mrs. Nathaniel Cox of Mendon. Mrs. Richard Harding made the presentation to the Library and Mrs. Vestella Daniels, Librarian, accepted it for the Trustees.

During the year the book stacks have been rearranged in the library room.

Your attention is called to the Report of the Librarian, Mrs. Vestella M. Daniels.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY P. CLOUGH,

Secretary

Trustees of Taft Public Library

1953 LIBRARY REPORT

To the Trustees of the Taft Public Library:

The circulation for the year (99 days) was 3741; the largest number given out in one day, 75; the smallest, 13; and the average, 38. Circulation by classes was as follows: Fiction, 1712;

Juvenile, 1001; magazines, 613; biography, 154; travel, 40; history, 49; literature and fine arts, 50; useful arts and science, 83; and all others, 39.

New books added to the library by the Fletcher Fund, 73; by gift, 108; total, 181. We wish to express our thanks and appreciation for the gift of nearly 50 books from the library of the late Nina M. Burr; and a similar number from Mrs. Bernice Calcagni, including 26 volumes of the Collected Works of Bernard Shaw. Thanks are also due Ian Denton, Mrs. Hill and Mabel Griffin.

Miss Shirley Smith has been the high school assistant; and Mrs. Hazel Harding has ably assisted on Thursday afternoons. National Art Week was observed by an exhibition of drawings from the elementary grades arranged by Miss Jane Coleman, art supervisor.

Both stacks have been moved and books rearranged to make them more accessible. Some of the very early books have been placed on a stack in the basement and some worn out books have been discarded. There are approximately 10,700 books in the library.

The floor has been cleaned and refinished; and we are proud of our new fluorescent lighting. In order to show our improvements to the public, we held Open House on November 11th. About forty people attended. At this time an oil painting of flowers by Doris Daniels Cox was presented to the library in memory of Nina M. Burr, former trustee, by her neighbors. This beautiful painting is a great addition to the interior of the library.

It is our hope that more townspeople will visit the library and make use of the wide selection of books and magazines available.

Magazines subscribed to are: American Home, Atlantic Monthly, Better Homes and Gardens, Boys Life, Colliers, Good Housekeeping, Ladies Home Journal, McCalls, National Geographic, Popular Mechanics, Readers Digest, Saturday Evening Post, Time and Womans Home Companion.

Fines collected and turned over to the town treasurer, \$11.24.

VESTELLA M. DANIELS,

Librarian

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

and

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

of the

TOWN OF MENDON

MASSACHUSETTS

for the

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953

SCHOOL DIRECTORY 1952-1953

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Herbert F. Bowen, Chairman	Term Expires 1955
Harry C. York	Term Expires 1956
Gordon R. Good, Secretary	Term Expires 1954

Regular meetings are held at the High School building on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS—PERCY L. ROWE, Boston University, B.S.E., Ed. M.
The Superintendent may be met every Tuesday and Wednesday at the Mendon High School building or by appointment.

Office—Center School, Bellingham Center Telephone, Milford 787-M4
Office Hours—4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on school days.

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Ronald Lukert, M.D. Telephone, Milford 3045-W

SCHOOL NURSE

Eileen Brown, R.N. Millford District Nursing Association

SCHOOL CUSTODIAN

Walter Wright Mendon, Mass.

TRANSPORTATION AGENTS

Harold C. Barrows Mendon, Mass.

Jesse F. White Mendon, Mass.

ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Harold C. Barrows Mendon, Mass.

TEACHERS

Name	Subject or Grade	Preparation	Degree or Yrs.	Years Ser. on Town
Henry P. Clough, Principal	Algebra, French	Dartmouth College and	B.S.	26th
Raymond F. Biedrzycki	History, Geography	New Hampshire University	Ed.M.	
Mary C. Armour	Math., Science	Rhode Island State	B.S.	Eighth
Mildred White	Commercial Ed.	Regis College	B.S.	Ninth
	Home Economics,	Framingham State Teacher	B.S.E.	Second
	Social Science			
Doris O'Neill	English, Latin	Worcester State Teacher	B.S.E.	Sixth
Virginia Mayo	Grade 6	Bridgewater State Teacher	B.S.E.	Tenth
Margaret Hubert	Grade 5	Framingham State Teacher	Two	First
Dorothy L. Stanas	Grade 4	Worcester State Teacher	B.S.E.	Fourth
Helen Jaques	Grade 3	Lyndon State Teacher	B.S.	Second
Grace Hutchinson	Grade 2	Framingham State Teacher	Two	Fifteenth
Patricia Goguen	Grade 1	Boston University	B.M.	First
Rita Bishop (Resigned)	Grade 5	Framingham State Teacher	Two	Second
Bertha Hammann (Resigned)	Grade 1	Rhode Island College	Two and one-half	Seventh

SUPERVISORS

Christine Wilson	Music	N. E. Conservatory of Music	3 yrs. dip.	Sixth
William L. Rinehart	Handwriting	University of Pittsburg	M.A.	Sixth
E. Jane Coleman	Art, Mechanical Drawing	Mass. School of Art	B.S.E.	Second

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR PERIOD
JANUARY, 1954 TO JUNE, 1955

HIGH SCHOOL

Open January 4, 1954—Close February 19, 1954
Open March 1, 1954—Close April 25, 1954
Open April 26, 1954—Close June 25, 1954

SUMMER VACATION

Open September 8, 1954—Close December 23, 1954
Open January 3, 1955—Close February 18, 1955
Open February 28, 1955—Close April 15, 1955
Open April 25, 1955—Close June 24, 1955

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Same as High School except:
Close June 18, 1954
Close June 17, 1955

SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION

Memorial Day Observance, May 31, 1954
Columbus Day Observance, October 12, 1954
Teachers' Convention, November 5, 1954
Armistice Day Observance, November 11, 1954
Thanksgiving Recess, November 25-26, 1954

AGE OF ADMISSION TO SCHOOL

Any child who becomes six years of age on or before January first of the year following the term when he wishes to enter school may be admitted into the first grade, but in every case the admission of a child under six shall be dependent upon the fitness to be determined by the superintendent. Pupils under seven years of age who have not previously attended school shall not be permitted to enter later than thirty days after the opening of school in September of any school year.

SCHOOL REGULATIONS

Any complaint or representation which any person desires to make shall be presented or referred in writing to the superintendent of schools, who, in his discretion may bring it before the school committee. In cases of discipline or other school matters relating to their children, parents shall first discuss the matter with the teacher concerned. If for some reason they are not satisfied they will further discuss the matter with the following persons, if necessary, and in the following order: first, the principal of the building and then the superintendent of schools. If, finally, the superintendent has been unable to satisfy the parents, he shall report the case to the school committee for consideration and action.

THE NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

It is the policy of the school officials to practically abandon the use of the "no school" signal on account of weather conditions. This is in line with what many other cities and towns are doing. The reason for so doing are that much confusion has re-

sulted from the use of the "no school" signal, and the realization that the loss of even one school day is very serious.

However, there may be days when it is advisable to close schools on account of severe weather conditions or any other emergency.

Arrangements have been made with Radio Stations WNAC, WBZ and WWON to broadcast the fact whenever it is necessary to close the schools. The "no school" signals are usually given before, during or immediately after the news program. The siren will also blow three blasts twice at 7:30 A.M.

If schools do not close on any particularly bad day(rain, snow or cold) parents are requested, and urged, to use their own judgment in sending their children to school.

SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS

General Appropriation	\$60,449 16
Dog Tax, 1953	495 84
Total Receipts	\$60,945 00
Total Expenditures	60,929 63
Unexpended Balance	15 37

REIMBURSEMENTS

State-aid	\$13,303 46
Superintendent: Salary	
Transportation	1,493 30
All School Transportation	8,600 00
Boston City Wards	1,036 69
Vocational Education	120 50
Total Reimbursements	\$24,553 95

TAXATION COST OF SCHOOLS

Total Expenditures	\$60,929 63
Reimbursements	24,553 95
Net Cost by Taxation	\$36,375 68

EXPENDITURES

School Committee Expense	\$ 65 00
Superintendent's Salary	2,559 86
Superintendent's Expense	296 00
Supervisors' Salaries	1,758 16
Teachers' Salaries	32,759 05

Textbooks	1,079	86
School Supplies	1,311	43
Wages of Janitor	2,983	33
Fuel	1,783	06
Janitor's Supplies	576	69
Telephones	134	50
Electricity	396	56
Labor	90	50
Advertising	16	88
Police Protection	37	50
Commissioner of Public Safety	10	00
Replacements	320	00
Trash Removal	23	75
Repairs	2,670	56
Library	10	50
Health	486	32
Transportation	10,363	52
New Equipment	1,069	06
School Lunch Program	127	54
Total Expenditures	—————	\$60,929 63

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Mendon:

Once again it is our pleasant duty to make our annual report to you, as your representatives in our public school system.

Two new teachers were added to our staff this year, due to the resignation of Mrs. Rita Bishop and Mrs. Bertha Hammann. Mrs. Bishop was replaced by Mrs. Margaret Hubert of Milford and Mrs. Hammann by Miss Patricia Goguen of Blackstone.

This is the second year that art has been taught in the school under the able supervision of Miss E. Jane Coleman. It is very gratifying to observe the results of this instruction, through the pupils' expression of their imagination and talent.

A new floor was laid in the first grade room, and the driveway at the rear of the school was enlarged and extended to the south door during the past summer vacation.

The school lunch program, which is a necessary function in our school, is doing a wonderful job in providing hot lunches for our children at noon. Mrs. Dautrich, ably assisted by Mrs. Wright, is to be congratulated for her part in making this program such a success. A new deep freeze was added to the cafeteria equipment this year and is proving to be a very efficient addition.

The committee is ever mindful that a large part of the tax dollar goes towards educating our children; however, since we feel that the children are entitled to a pleasant and cheerful place in which to study and work, it is our aim to keep the school building in as good repair as is possible. With this in mind, we

would like to list the repairs we believe necessary:

Paint outside of building one coat.

Start the program of painting the inside over again.

Paint and repair fence.

Install automatic valves to equalize the heating of the building.

Patch tennis court which is now being used as a basketball court.

Enlarge the driveway at rear of school and hard top it.

Put in new floor in the 4th grade room.

Put new top on chimney which is cracked.

This year the student-driver training program, as prescribed by the Registry of Motor Vehicles, is to be included in the school activities. This is a very outstanding program as it not only teaches the students the proper method of operating a motor vehicle, but also teaches them a sound and comprehensive knowledge of the rules and regulations for operating that motor vehicle on the highways of the Commonwealth. We are indebted to Mr. Herman Ryan of the Ryan Motor Sales, Milford, who is providing the school with an automobile for the cost of \$1.00 per year. We are indeed fortunate to have such a man as Mr. Ryan, who is interested and willing to help the students become better and safer drivers.

Due to the increase in school membership, there is a growing need for either a new school or an addition on the existing school building. From 1947 to 1953 there was an increase of 98 in the number of pupils attending school. The figures taken from the birth rate of the town plus a small percentage to allow for new families moving into town show that there will be an increase of 123 pupils by 1960. At present our school is carrying a capacity load of 345 pupils and there is no room for any expansion in the present building. The committee feels that this situation should be brought to the attention of the Townspeople

at this time because of the definite need for some action. One tentative solution to this problem would be to appoint a committee to investigate the possibility of a regional high school. The function of this committee would be to contact the committees in some of the adjacent towns who are confronted with the same problem and to ascertain the feasibility of said towns joining together and erecting a regional high school for the common purpose of educating our children. Another possible solution would be to appoint a building committee to study the possibility of building a new school.

We wish to take this opportunity to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to Mr. Rowe, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Clough, Principal, and to the staff for their co-operation in maintaining a high standard of instruction.

We also wish to thank the P. T. A. and the townspeople for their support and co-operation and Mr. Jesse White and Mr. Harold Barrows, Transportation agents, for their co-operation in transporting the pupils to and from school safely.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT F. BOWEN, Chairman

HARRY C. YORK

GORDON R. GOOD, Secretary

Mendon School Committee

AGE AND GRADE CHART

October 1, 1953

GRADE	AGE													Total Boys	Total Girls	Total
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		
I	B G	5 4	16 10											21	14	35
II	B G	6 3	13 14	1 1										20	18	38
III	B G			10 1	5 16	1 2								16	19	35
IV	B G			2	12 10	1 1								15	11	26
V	B G				3 7	14 18	2							19	25	44
VI	B G						4 4	13 15	2 1					19	20	39

VII	B	3	7	1	2	1		14	19	33
	G	6	12				1			
VIII	B	3	6	2	2	3		14	7	21
	G		5	2						
IX	B	1	6	2	1			10	11	21
	G		3	8						
X	B	2	4	3	1			10	13	23
	G	2	9	2						
XI	B	4	2					6	6	12
	G						6			
XII	B	2	1					3	15	18
	G	4	9	2						

Totals	9	35	28	30	39	43	39	25	16	24	19	22	13	2	167	178	345
Boys	5	22	13	13	20	20	18	12	8	12	10	10	4		167		
Girls	4	13	15	17	19	23	21	13	8	12	9	13	9	2		178	

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee of Mendon:

Gentlemen:

It is with pleasure that I submit for your consideration my eleventh annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

There were two changes in the school faculty during 1953. Mrs. Bertha Hammann, who had been with us for several years, resigned at the close of school in June. Mrs. Rita Bishop, who had been with us for two years, resigned in the summer to take a position in Milford. We miss these two capable teachers. Miss Patricia Gogen, of Blackstone, a graduate of Boston University, was engaged to replace Mrs. Hammann in Grade One. Mrs. Margaret Hubert of Milford, a graduate of Framingham Teachers College, was selected to replace Mrs. Bishop in Grade Five.

The most serious problem facing the School Department at the present time is that of increased enrollment. On October 1, 1953, there were 345 pupils registered. Of these, 217 were in Grades One to Six, 54 in Grades Seven and Eight, and 74 in Grades Nine to Twelve. This is the largest enrollment we have ever had. The lowest attendance was 247 pupils in 1946. Since then there has been a gain of 96. Leading educators affirm that the size of a class in the elementary grades should not exceed twenty-five. There certainly should not be more than thirty in one grade. All of the grades in our school except one are far over this number. The Age-Grade-Enrollment chart will show sizes of all classes. One class, Grade Five, has 44 pupils, which is actually about a class and a half. It is far too large for best teaching and instruction. Birth rates are increasing each

year. Taking a five-year average it has been found that there are actually 12% more children entering Grade One than were born six years previously. In about two years time there could well be two sections of Grade One, making two classrooms necessary for this grade.

The following table shows the actual enrollment and predicted enrollment from 1946 to 1960. Figures up to, and including 1953 are actual. Figures for 1954, and beyond, are estimated.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
1946—	19	21	25	18	29	20	41	16	21	15	11	11	247
1947—	25	20	24	25	20	28	28	28	16	16	12	7	249 + 2
1948—	32	21	18	22	22	20	27	27	23	12	13	12	249 same
1949—	32	36	24	21	27	27	23	23	24	18	12	12	279 + 30
1950—	28	38	36	27	24	24	33	19	19	22	16	11	297 + 18
1951—	27	31	43	45	29	24	27	32	17	23	16	13	327 + 30
1952—	39	35	28	42	39	30	21	22	28	14	19	17	334 + 7
1953—	35	38	35	26	44	39	33	21	21	23	12	18	345 + 11
1954—	41	35	38	35	27	45	39	34	21	20	21	11	367
1955—	32	41	35	38	35	27	45	39	31	20	18	18	379
1956—	46	32	41	35	38	35	27	44	36	28	18	16	396
1957—	46	46	32	41	35	38	35	27	41	33	26	16	416
1958—	50	46	46	32	41	35	38	35	27	37	29	22	438
1959—	54	50	46	46	32	41	38	35	34	23	32	25	456
1960—	56	54	50	46	46	32	40	37	31	30	19	27	468

Table Showing Number of Births and Number of Pupils Entering Grade One Six Years Later. (Figures beyond 1953 are estimated)

Year	No. Births	Year	Size Grade One Six Years Later
1940	25	1946	19
1941	28	1947	25

1942	37	1948	32
1943	32	1949	32
1944	25	1950	28
1945	18	1951	27
1946	32	1952	39
1947	28	1953	37
1948	37	1954	41
1949	28	1955	32
1950	41	1956	46
1951	41	1957	46
1952	45	1958	50
1953	48	1959	54
1954	50	1960	56

The enrollment figures have been increasing gradually since 1948. The capacity of the school building is now taxed to its maximum. The next few years will see sharper increases. It appears very likely that within two or three years the present school building will be unable to accommodate all of the children of the town. It would seem absolutely essential to take some action immediately in regard to school housing.

Classroom instruction has continued on a high level. The low turnover of teachers from one year to another is beneficial to our school system. Our pupils are well supplied with modern textbooks. They have all of the various materials needed for good instruction. Considerable testing has been done, which gives a better understanding of the individual child and his needs. During the year a new electric typewriter, a new calculating machine, and a new mimeograph machine have been added to the High School Commercial Department, thereby greatly enriching this program. Several of our teachers have taken, or are taking, educational courses. The work of our three supervisory departments, handwriting, music, and art has shown the usual high degree of efficiency.

The School Department has decided to introduce a course in driver education in the High School. This course consists of classroom instruction and practice on the road with a driver-education car. Instructors must be certified by the State Registry of Motor Vehicles. Mr. Clough, our instructor, has taken the required course at Northeastern University. Pupils must be 16 years of age, or over, in order to participate in actual driving instruction on the road. This course is a very important part of our highway safety program. It will teach correct and courteous driving procedure and tend to greatly lessen highway fatalities and injuries on our highways. Students who successfully complete the course will be enabled to purchase car insurance at a reduced rate.

Miss Margaret Shea, a supervisor in the State Department of Education, visited the school in October. Miss Shea was able to observe briefly the work in all classrooms. A general teachers' meeting was held at the close of school, at which Miss Shea discussed modern educational theory, practice, and techniques, especially in regard to curriculum. A question and answer period closed the meeting. This meeting greatly benefited the faculty members.

American Education Week was observed in November. Many parents visited the school and classes at the time. A special "Open House" night was held in order that parents might have the opportunity to see the various exhibits of classroom work and talk with the teachers in regard to the educational progress of their children. A large number of parents were present. Such parent-teacher conferences are very helpful. Parents are cordially invited to visit classes at any time.

The school lunch program has been most successful during the past year. All pupils have the opportunity of purchasing a well-balanced hot lunch at a very nominal cost. A very large percentage of pupils are taking advantage of the excellently prepared hot meals. Much credit should go to Mrs. Dautrich

and her assistant, Mrs. Wright, for the continued success of this important school function. The work of the many interested parents who assist in preparing and serving the meals is also deeply appreciated. A new deep freeze unit was installed during the summer vacation.

A registration and visiting day was held in May for children who planned to enter school in September. A large percentage of parents brought their children to the school, registered them, and spent the remainder of the afternoon visiting. Another registration day will be held next May, and it is hoped that all parents will register their children then, and not wait until the opening day of school in September, 1954. It is most important that the School Department knows in advance how many first graders to prepare for. It also saves a great deal of time on the opening day of school.

The annual registration of all minors in town between the ages of 5 and 16 was taken in October, 1953. The results are shown in the following table:

DISTRIBUTION OF MINORS

	5 years or over and under 7	7 years or over and under 16
Boys	43	135
Girls	31	142
Totals	74	277
In Public School Membership	47	264
In Private School Membership	2	13
Not enrolled in any school	25	0
Totals	74	277

In addition to regular routine repairs, such as plumbing, heating, and electrical work, the following has been accomplished:

A new rotary lawn mower purchased

New floor (First Grade room)
Floor repairs (corridors)
New cabinets (office)
Repairs to grounds
New electric typewriter
New electric calculating machine
New mimeograph
New deep freeze (lunch room)

Among the more important items that should be taken care of in the coming year are the following: exterior painting, interior painting, further improvements to grounds, a new floor in one classroom, possible roof repairs, and some fence repair and fence painting.

In closing I wish to express to you my sincere thanks for your efforts in making the year a most successful one. The assistance and co-operation of the Principal, Mr. Clough, the teachers, supervisors, school physician, school nurse, townspeople, parents and pupils are also deeply appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

PERCY L. ROWE,

Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

To Mr. Percy L. Rowe,
Superintendent of Schools:

I herewith submit the annual report of Mendon of High and Center School for the year ending December 31, 1953.

The graduation exercises of the Class of 1953 were held on the evening of Wednesday, June 17, 1953. The members of the graduating class were Alden B. Chick, Marilyn R. Chick, Dorothy W. Hart, Claire M. Lamothe, Mathew M. Mantoni, Richard G. Morton, Janet M. Parkinson, George W. Phipps, Robert R. Rhodes, Iris B. Rogers, Justine A. Southwick, Bruce A. Thomas, Joyce A. Twitchell, Wayne F. Wagner, Richard E. Watson, and Bette J. York. Seven members of the class are this year enrolled in post-secondary institutions of higher learning or training.

First place in scholarship was attained by Iris B. Rogers, and second place honors by Wayne F. Wagner. The winner of the Alumni Medal presented by the Mendon High School Alumni Association was Justine A. Southwick. Alden B. Chick was the winner of the American Legion Medal presented by the Roger L. Wood Post of the American Legion. The Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate were awarded to Justine A. Southwick.

Bruce A. Thomas was elected by the student body of the school to represent Mendon High School on Student Government Day held at the State House in Boston. Howard F. Phipps and Betty A. Desmarais were chosen as delegates for the conventions of Boys' and Girls' States conducted in June by the American Legion and the Legion Auxillary.

This year's senior play, Our Miss Brooks, was presented on the evening of December 11, 1953 at the Mendon Town Hall

to a capacity audience. The proceeds of the play were added to the Washington Trip Fund. On March 20, 1953, a school minstrel show was presented at the Mendon Town Hall.

During the spring vacation week the Senior Class made the annual trip to Washington, D. C.

Prize Speaking was held at Mendon Town Hall on March 13, 1953. The following pupils presented selections: Charles F. Avery, Jane L. Avery, Cornelius B. Bracco, Joanne Goodnow, Helen A. Hamilton, Maureen A. Smith, Sandra G. Southwick, George W. York, Jr. First prize was won by Helen A. Hamilton, second prize by Joanne Goodnow, and third prize by Charles F. Avery.

In observance of American Education Week, an open house evening was held November 12, 1953 at the Center School. The attendance on the part of the parents was especially good and showed a substantial gain over the attendance of last year.

The enrollment of the school as a whole shows an increase of 13 as compared with the figures of December, 1952. The enrollment figures by grades on December 23, 1953 are as follows: Grade I-32, Grade II-37, Grade III-35, Grade IV-24, Grade V-44, Grade VI-39, Grade VII-31, Grade VIII-21, Grade IX-21, Grade X-24, Grade XI-12, Grade XII-18.

As a supplement to general suggestions and counsel on good study habits given in school, there is one additional factor which merits a brief comment in the annual report of the school. Back of every significant achievement there are endless details and plans. This is especially true of formal education, particularly that part acquired during the high school years. The wise student plans his work and carries out the plan daily, weekly, and yearly. He must have a schedule, and he must follow it, if he is to achieve to the extent of his capacity. Home preparation is an essential part of this schedule and no pupil is getting his proper return on his four years in high school if he does not

consistently and efficiently spend extra hours in home study each day of the school year. The alternative to liberal home study is a school day of greater length.

Parents are cordially invited to visit school and to confer with teachers and principal at any time.

In conclusion, I wish to thank Mr. Percy L. Rowe, Superintendent of Schools, the School Committee, the Mendon Parent-Teacher Association, and the townspeople of Mendon for their assistance and fine co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY P. CLOUGH, Principal

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

December 28, 1953

Percy L. Rowe, Superintendent of Schools

Mendon School Department

Mendon, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

The following is the annual report for school examinations. In the hundred and eleven children examined the following defects were found:

Heart Murmurs	2
Tonsils and Inflamed Throats	3
Excess Cerumin	1

Ear Conditions	3
Referred for dental evaluations	47
Lymphadenopathy	1
Post-nasal drip	1
Vitamin Deficiency	1
Acne	2
Athlete's Foot	1
Asthma	1

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. LUKERT, M.D.

School Physician

SCHOOL NURSE'S ANNUAL REPORT

1953

Mr. Percy L. Rowe,

Superintendent of Schools:

May we submit to you the Annual School Nursing Report for the year ending December, 1953.

As is customary, the Mendon School was visited once per week by the school nurse.

In the early spring a series of three antigen clinics were held. Dr. Allain, school physician at that time, assisted by the district nurses, conducted these clinics.

Registration was held at the school on May 22nd, with the school nurse assisting. In the early part of the year we had a

mild chicken pox and mumps epidemic; and the latter part, a mild German measles epidemic. Sore throats, colds, and various absentees were reported and investigated.

Antigen clinics were held in Mendon School on March 17th, April 28th and May 26th. Dr. Allain, assisted by the nurses, conducted the clinics. Many hours of preparatory work were taken to make this event the success it was.

The State Department again loaned us the audiometer. The testing was done by the school nurse. This examination is an addition to the health of our school children.

All children were inspected, weighed and measured at intervals during the school year. Dr. Ronald Leukert, the newly appointed school doctor, assisted by the school nurse, has completed the physical examinations of all pupils present in Grades 1, 4, 7 and 9.

The following defects were found amongst the children examined by Dr. Leukert:

Heart murmurs	2
Tonsils and inflamed throats	3
Ear conditions	3
Wax in ears	1
Referred for dental evaluations	47
Swollen glands	1
Nasal drip	1
Vitamin deficiency	1
Wheezes in chest	1
Acne	2
Athlete's foot	1

The following is a summary of the work done by the nurse in her visits to the school:

1. Inspection of pupils	652
2. Pupils inspected for disease	206
3. Pupils recommended for exclusion	12
4. Pupils and nurse conferences	122
5. Pupils treated for minor injuries	68
6. Nurse and teacher conferences	215
7. Home visits	50

In closing may we express our thanks to Dr. Allain and Dr. Leukert for their co-operation throughout the year.

May we thank Mr. Rowe, Mr. Clough, the teachers and parents for their courtesy and co-operation; the school committee, and town officials for their support.

GRACE MORAN, R.N.

Supervisor of Nurses

MUSIC SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

To the Superintendent of Schools:

My dear Mr. Rowe:

The music program in the Mendon Schools is being carried out with the usual elasticity, necessary because of the difference in the caliber of the classes. We concentrate on note reading and the production of good tone, always bearing in mind that the aim of Music Education in the Public Schools is primarily intended to create a love and appreciation of good music.

Last October, in Hayden Memorial Building, there was an interesting joint meeting of Teachers of Singing and School Music Supervisors. "Vocal Problems," a subject of interest to both parties, was presented and dealt with through a panel discussion. It was the general opinion that "the chief requisites for tools for correct voice instruction, are that the instructor should have experienced voice placement and the feeling of breath release." Miss Gertrude Tingley, a past-President of the Massachusetts Association of Teachers of Singing, and with whom I have taken several courses in voice technics, presided at the meeting and stressed the importance of correct breathing and tone placement. I find both these factors vital to choral training in order to acquire true beauty of tone with effortless flexibility. Maybe key signatures and scale progressions will be forgotten and maybe we will not develop any "prima donnas," but I believe that an ideal of good tone and an attitude of love and enthusiasm for fine music will continue, and will contribute something toward happiness in life.

During the days of the Christmas season, I approved of the singing in school of such songs as "Rudolph" and White Christmas." I think that these two popular songs, and some others, have become part of the American scene. And I think that they can be sung with as correct tone, fine phrasing and good interpretation as the arranged foreign folk tunes that we sing each year.

In closing, again I want to thank you, Mr. Rowe, all the teachers, and everyone connected with the school program, for their fine and continued co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

CHRISTINE M. WILSON,

Supervisor of Music

REPORT OF ART SUPERVISOR

To Mr. Percy L. Rowe
Superintendent of Schools

Dear Mr. Rowe,

During the past year the boys and girls of Mendon have enjoyed many opportunities for discovering and displaying their creative abilities in art.

Several pupils designed and submitted posters to the annual poster contest held by the Massachusetts S. P. C. A. in the

Spring. Prizes were awarded by the S. P. C. A. to Ronald Bethel and Jeanne Gaskill of Grade Five.

During National Art Week in November, fifty pupils from grades one through six displayed drawings and designs at the Taft Public Library. This same display was used at the school during National Education Week.

During the festive holiday season, pupils designed and made Christmas cards, favors, window decorations and home decorations, thus giving them ample opportunity to work with various media.

Mechanical Drawing students in the high school have become familiar with the various phases of working drawings, perspective, scale drawings and surface development.

I wish to thank you, Mr. Rowe, the School Committee, Mr. Clough, and the teachers in Mendon for such fine co-operation in the art program for our school.

Respectfully submitted,

E. JANE COLEMAN,

Supervisor of Art

PRIZE SPEAKING CONTEST

MENDON TOWN HALL—Friday, March 13, 1953

The Blue-Eyed Sheik	Kimball
Charles F. Avery	
The Thing	Wilde
Sandra Southwick	
The Man Who Walks Alone	Lowther
Cornelius Bracco	
Village Chimes	Czechoslovakian Folk Tune
Grade Six Chorus	
Angel Wings	Black
Joanne Goodnow	
The Death Disk	Twain
Jane Avery	
What Timothy Whispered to God	Donnell
Maureen Smith	
One Star Shines Out	Sharpe
Grade Six Chorus	
Dark Victory	Brewer and Block
Helen Hamilton	
The Pit and the Pendulum	Poe
George York	
One Night in Mexico	Mexican Folk Tune
Grade Six Chorus	
Decision of Judges	

GRADUATION EXERCISES
OF
MENDON HIGH SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 1953

Processional—Pomp and Circumstance	Elgar
Mrs. Bertha B. Rogers	
Invocation	Rev. Truman L. Hayes
Salutatory and Essay	Wayne F. Wagner
Our Men of Vision	
Essay	Janet M. Parkinson
England's Coronation	
Essay	Richard G. Morton
A Forgotten Problem	
Song—You'll Never Walk Alone	Rodgers
High School Chorus	
Essay	Justine A. Southwick
Our President	
Essay	Alden B. Chick
The Graduate of 1953 and the Draft	
Essay	Bruce A. Thomas
Attitudes and Inventions	
Song—Oklahoma	Rodgers
High School Chorus	

Essay and Valedictory	Iris B. Rogers
Aiding the Handicapped	
Diploma—Award Presentation	Herbert Bowen
Chairman of School Committee	
Star Spangled Banner—	
Benediction	Rev. Truman L. Hayes
Recessional—Marche Romaine	Gounod
Mrs. Bertha B. Rogers	

GRADUATES OF MENDON HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1953

Alden B. Chick
 Marilyn R. Chick
 Dorothy Hart
 Claire M. Lamothe
 Matthew M. Mantoni
 Richard G. Morton
 Janet M. Parkinson
 George W. Phipps
 Robert R. Rhodes
 Iris B. Rogers
 Justine A. Southwick
 Bruce A. Thomas
 Joyce A. Twitchell
 Wayne F. Wagner
 Richard E. Watson
 Bette J. York

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Worcester, ss.

*TO THE CONSTABLE of the TOWN of MENDON in the
COUNTY of WORCESTER, Greeting:*

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Mendon qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the
TOWN HALL

in said Mendon on MONDAY the FIRST day of MARCH
AD. 1954 punctually at 9:00 o'clock A.M., to act on

Article 1.

Article 2 and all following Articles on this Warrant will
be acted upon Friday the fifth day of March at 7:00 P.M.

Article 1. To bring in their ballots for the following Town
Officers:

- One Moderator for one year;
- One Town Clerk for one year;
- One Selectman for three years;
- One Assessor for three years;
- One Town Treasurer for one year;
- One Constable for one year;
- One Tree Warden for one year;
- One Trustee of the Taft Public Library for
two years;

One Member of the School Committee for
three years;

One Park Commissioner for three years;

One Highway surveyor for one year;

One Water Commissioner for three years;

all on one ballot, designating the office intended for each person.

Article 2. To hear the reports of the several Town Officers and Committees and act thereon.

Article 3. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 4. To appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town expenses for the financial year beginning January 1, 1954.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1954 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year and to renew any note or notes as may be given for the period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 6. To see if the Town will appropriate any sum of money for the improvement and repairs of highways, to be expended under the direction of the Massachusetts Department of Public Works as provided under Chapter 81 of the General Laws as amended, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 7. To see if the Town will appropriate any sum of money for the operation and repairs of Town machinery, a part or whole to be taken from the Road Machinery Fund, or take any action in relation to the same.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate any sum of money for the maintenance of Chapter 90 Roads, said money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State and County for this purpose, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate any sum of money for Chapter 90 New Construction provided the State and County will contribute for such work under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws.

Article 10. To see what action the Town will take regarding any legal proceedings that may be brought against or by the Town.

Article 11. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell any or all real estate owned by the Town by reason of the foreclosure of Tax Title thereon and to execute, acknowledge and deliver a proper deed or deeds therefor, authority therefor to terminate March 7, ~~1954~~ ¹⁹⁵⁵ or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the dog license refund from the Worcester County in 1954 to be used for general school expenses in 1954, or to take any action in relation to the same.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$5,000. from available funds to the Stabilization Fund, as defined in Chapter 124, Acts of 1945 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to have the Town Treasurer elected for a term of three years, said term beginning in 1955.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of Taft Avenue as laid out by the County Engineers, or take any action on same.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000. for the completion of Taft Avenue, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250. for the purpose of taking the State Census January 1, 1955 in accordance with Chapter 9, Section 7 of the General Laws.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$236.00 to install a gas heater in the Record Room or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300. for repairs to the Old Library building or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2000. for the purpose of removing the partition between the rooms in the lower town hall to provide one large banquet hall, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500. for fire hose, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to have a committee of three, appointed by the Moderator, to investigate the advisability of having a piece of fire apparatus in the East Mendon section of the town; said committee to report back at the next annual Town Meeting, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,150. to buy a piece of land on North Avenue adjacent to the school building, owned by Carlton Goss, for a possible school site, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a committee of nine to study the advisability of a Town Water System

and to report their findings at a Special Town Meeting no later than September 30th, 1954; said committee to consist of the Board of Selectmen, Board of Water Commissioners and the remaining three members to be appointed from the floor, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint a three member regional school district planning committee to study the possibilities of a regional high school, containing at least one member of the School Committee.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following by-law or take any other action in relation thereto:

"No person shall remove any soil, loam, sand, or gravel from any land in the town not in public use unless such removal is authorized by a permit issued by the Board of Selectmen, except in conjunction with the construction of a building on the parcel and except for the continued operation on the same parcel of an existing sand and gravel pit. No such permit shall be issued until an application therefor is filed with said board. Said Board shall hold a public hearing on the application and notice of the filing of such application, and the date and time of the public hearing thereon shall be advertised in a paper published in the County seven days at least before the public hearing."

Article 27. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$1,400. for the purchase of a half-ton pick-up truck, the whole to be taken from the Road Machinery Fund, or take any action in relation to same.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 207, of the Acts of 1946 which permits the Selectmen to grant licenses for the operation of bowling alleys on the Lord's Day.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500. for a drainage system on Hartford

Ave., West to alleviate the situation now existing whereby the drainage from the road is washing away the land on the property owned by James A. and Lucy A. Mathewson, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,700. for Civilian Defense in order to purchase and install in a fire truck a two-way radio; and to purchase a 5000 watt generator, or take any action in relation thereto.

POLLS WILL CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in said Mendon and causing a copy to be published once in the Milford Daily News, a newspaper published in Milford, Mass., both said posting and publication to be at least seven days before the time of the meeting hereby ordered to be held.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk of said town before the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Mendon, this Twenty-fifth day of January A.D. 1954.

ERNEST P. WOOD

HAROLD METCALF

JOHN L. LUNDVALL

Selectmen of Mendon

A true copy, attest:

HAROLD C. BARROWS

Constable of Mendon

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Article 4.

	1953 Appropriations	Transfers	Expenditures	1954 Recom- mendations
Moderator's Salary	\$25 00	.....	\$25 00 ✓	\$25 00 ✓
Selectmen's Salaries	700 00	.....	700 00	700 00 ✓
Selectmen's Expense	150 00	50 00	186 89	200 00 ✓
Treasurer's Salary	700 00	.....	700 00	700 00 ✓
Treasurer's Expense	200 00	.....	186 99	200 00 ✓
Town Accountant's Salary	400 00	.....	400 00	400 00 ✓
Town Accountant's Expense	75 00	.....	36 35	50 00 ✓
Town Clerk's Salary	250 00	.....	250 00	250 00 ✓
Town Clerk's Expense	500 00	.....	431 58	450 00 ✓
Tax Collector's Salary	925 00	.....	925 00	925 00 ✓
Tax Collector's Expense	225 00	1 41	226 41	250 00 ✓
Assessors' Salaries	700 00	.....	700 00	700 00 ✓
Assessors' Expense	300 00	.....	299 48	300 00 ✓
Elections and Registrations	600 00	.....	534 25	600 00 ✓
Town Counsel's Salary	100 00	.....	100 00	100 00 ✓
Town Counsel's Expense	75 00	.....	75 00	75 00 ✓
Clerical Hire for Town Officers	300 00	.....	299 70	300 00 ✓
Town Officers' Bonds	265 00	.....	244 00	240 00 ✓

Town Hall Maintenance	900 00	.....	793 70	900 00 ✓
Record Room Maintenance	350 00	16 20	366 20	375 00 ✓
Heat and Lights—Town Buildings	3,000 00	.....	2,652 82	3,000 00 ✓
Constable's Salary	25 00	.....	25 00	25 00 ✓
Police Department	3,000 00	27 38	3,027 38	3,500 00 ✓
Fire Department	2,000 00	56 15	2,056 15	2,000 00 ✓
Forest Fire Department	500 00	.....	499 10	500 00 ✓
Dog Officer	100 00	36 00	136 00	100 00 ✓
Scaler of Weights and Measures	50 00	.....	50 00	50 00 ✓
Board of Health	1,700 00	.....	1,070 65	1,500 00 ✓
Tree Warden	750 00	202 25	952 25	1,300 00 ✓
Insect Pest Control (Moth Suppression)	200 00	.....	200 00	652 87 ✓
Dutch Elm Disease Control	500 00	.....	500 00	326 44 ✓
Inspector of Animals	150 00	.....	150 00	150 00 ✓
Inspector of Slaughtering	25 00	.....	25 00	25 00 ✓
Wiring Inspector	80 00	10 00	90 00	80 00 ✓
General Repairs	2,000 00	.....	1,997 80	2,100 00 ✓
Snow Removal	6,000 00	.....	4,239 73	6,000 00 ✓
Street Lighting	744 00	.....	643 95	819 00 ✓
Public Welfare Salaries	45 00	.....	45 00	45 00 ✓
Public Welfare, Temporary Aid	6,000 00	.....	5,071 19	6,000 00 ✓
Aid to Dependent Children	2,000 00	2,000 00	2,187 42	1,500 00 ✓

Old Age Assistance	16,000 00	.....	15,979 83	16,000 00 ✓
O.A.A. Administration	750 00	.....	750 00	935 00 ✓
Veterans' Benefits	500 00	624 36	1,124 36	2,000 00 ✓
Administration of Veterans' Benefits	100 00	.....	100 00	100 00 ✓
School Department	60,449 16	495 84	60,929 63	64,433 61 ✓
Taft Public Library	810 00	60 00	870 00	1,050 00 ✓
Vocational Education	1,000 00	.....	755 20	1,500 00 ✓
Water Dept. Maintenance	750 00	.....	663 45	1,000 00 ✓
Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves	30 00	.....	30 00	30 00 ✓
Park Department	200 00	200 00	361 20	350 00 ✓
Memorial Day Celebration	225 00	.....	212 70	225 00 ✓
Insurance on Town Buildings	1,700 00	.....	1,644 83	1,800 00 ✓
Town Reports	620 00	.....	620 00	660 00 ✓
Reserve Fund	2,000 00	.....	1,283 75	2,000 00 ✓
Maturing Debt	4,000 00	9,000 00	13,000 00	2,000 00 ✓
Interest on Maturing Debt	733 75	.....	733 75	438 75 ✓
Interest on Temporary Loans	200 00	.....	.....	200 00 ✓
Tax Title Foreclosure	50 00	29 70	36 00 ✓
Worcester County Ret. Expense Fund	839 00	839 00	1,233 48 ✓

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1954 RECOMMENDATIONS

- Article 6. \$3,700 00 Chapter 81
- Article 7. \$3,200 00 Road Machinery repairs
- Article 8. \$1,200 00 Chapter 90 Maintenance
- Article 9. \$2,500 00 Chapter 90 Construction
- Article 12. Approved
- Article 13. Approved
- Article 16. No action
- Article 17. Approved
- Article 18. Approved
- Article 19. Approved
- Article 20. Approved
- Article 21. Approved
- Article 23. Approved
- Article 27. Not approved
- Article 29. Approved
- Article 30. No action

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